



# Gyrodeo



## March 2010 Bulletin



### **HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY**

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>March 2010</b>	
Wed, March 3, 2010	<p><b>Noon Luncheon Meeting - Carriage House Inn</b> The guest speaker is Andy Dutton. His topic will be "Calgary adds a New Wastewater Treatment Plant."</p>
Mar 12 - 14, 2010	<p><b>District VIII Interim meeting - <u>Fairmont, BC</u></b></p>
Wed, Mar 17, 2010	<p><b>Noon Luncheon Meeting - The Military Museums</b> Gail Duffy is the speaker. His topic is: "Canadians in The Great War (WW 1) - The Final Year". Museum of the Regiments at 4520 Crowchild Trail SW. <b>We meet in the lobby at 11:45 am</b>, have lunch, then enjoy Gail's talk. Attendees can then tour the new aircraft museum &amp; art gallery. Cost is \$20.00 for the presentation &amp; lunch.</p>



A celebration of  
Duncan Strachan's life  
will be held on Saturday March 20, 2010  
from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
at the  
Sloan Square Atrium, 5920 – 1 A Street S.W.  
Hosted by the Compton Strachan family.  
**Please RSVP by March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**by calling Julia Compton at 403.726.0990**  
**or Donna Lee at 403.539.1399.**



## CONVENTIONS IN 2010

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

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

District VIII Convention  
August 19 – 22, 2010  
The Coast Edmonton East Hotel, Sherwood Park, Alberta

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

10<sup>th</sup> Bob Wharton  
11<sup>th</sup> Scot Duguid  
22<sup>nd</sup> Bryan Sherwood

**HAVE A GREAT DAY GENTLEMEN !!!!!**

## HEALTH OF THE CLUB

No news to report this month so I assume that all of us are healthy. Gord Anderson will be away during the month of March. If you hear of anything, please, give me a call at 403.569.2138 or send an e-mail to [andreasherwood@shaw.ca](mailto:andreasherwood@shaw.ca). Thank you.

## WANTED

We are looking for one, two, or even three members who would like to help Larry Fenton organize speakers for our luncheons. We need someone to fill Larry's position as he wishes to retire in the near future.

Please, this is a very important position and the club would appreciate your help.

Please reply to Larry or Steve. Thank you

Larry Fenton - Email [larry.fenton@shaw.ca](mailto:larry.fenton@shaw.ca) - Tel: 403-242-9464  
Steve Denny Email [sdenny@telus.net](mailto:sdenny@telus.net) - Tel: 403-238-5511

## CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Jack Douglas is now located at:  
Care West Cornel Belcher, 1939 Veterans Way N.W., T3B 5Y8.

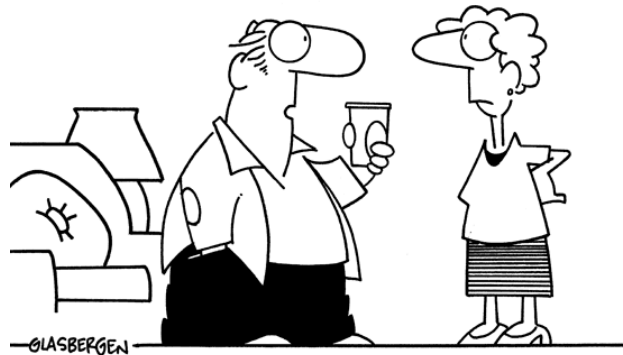
Bill Watson has resigned from the Gyro Club of Calgary stating that his resignation was due to his job requirements.

## LOGIC PUZZLE

You're traveling to some village. At some point there is a fork in the road. You could go two ways but only one of them leads to the village. Lucky for you there are two men standing next to the fork. But unfortunately one of them always lies and one always speaks the truth and you do not know who is who. Since the men do not really like to help you, you are allowed to ask one of them only one question. Which question should you ask?

**The answer will be in the April issue of the Gyrodeo.**

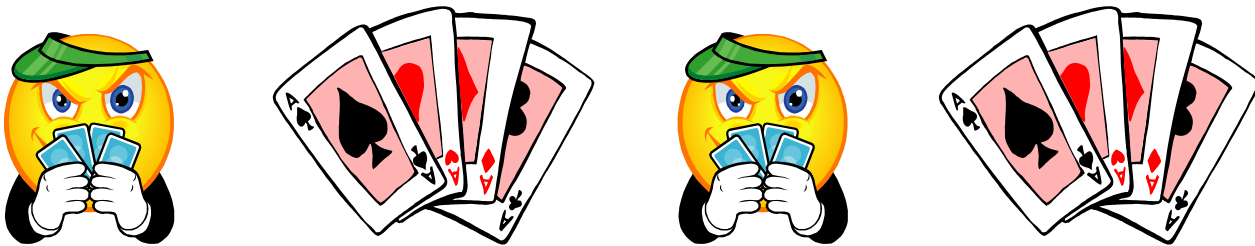
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“So I forgot my wedding vows! You expect me to remember a conversation we had 25 years ago???”

## MARK THIS DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.....

### CRIB TOURNAMENT



Our annual **CRIB TOURNAMENT** will be held on **TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010**

**Location:** Holiday Inn - 42 Ave. & MacLeod Trail SW - Main Floor Bar & Dining Room

**Time:** Cocktails @ 5.30 pm - Cash Bar

**Dinner :** 6.00 pm

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person for buffet dinner & tournament. - same price as last year.

Announcement of the crib rules and tournament will begin immediately after dinner. Guests and non-crib players are WELCOME ..... come out and have a fine meal and socialize !!

**LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES .....**

Don't forget to bring your crib board and cards with you, please.

Our hosts are Garry Davies and Dave Jenner

## **INTERNATIONAL INTERIM MEETING – LAS VEGAS**

The following is a letter from Harold R. Bernard, International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Membership Chairman, regarding his report from the International Interim Meeting held in Las Vegas in January 2010.

### **Membership: Up Close and Personal**

#### **New Member Recruitment:**

The following letter was sent to all clubs in October 2009 requesting information on the procedure that works best in bringing prospective members into their clubs.

“To develop a practical New Member Recruitment Support Package requires your input. We need to learn what procedure works best in bringing prospective members into your club.

There is a need to develop several approaches, as each club is unique. What may be highly successful in one club, will not necessarily work in another club.

The Policy and Procedure Manual has an excellent Recruitment Guide found on Pages 11-17 in Section B- Club.

Your responses to the following questions will be of great assistance in formulating a package of information available in New Member Recruitment.

#### **Please answer the following questions and return by e-mail before December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

1. How do you explain Gyro to a Prospective Member? (In Detail)
2. Does your Club's Constitution and By-Laws have a membership clause?
3. If it does, what is it?
4. How many meetings and/or socials must the Prospective Member attend before he is considered for membership?
5. How are the expenses for bringing a Prospective Member to meetings and socials financed?
6. Additional comments or suggestions you wish to include.”

#### **Summary of the responses to the questions from 21 of our 101 clubs is as follows:**

1. Gyro is a Fraternity which emphasizes friendship and camaraderie in pleasant, harmonious surroundings. Some clubs support charitable projects which are beneficial to the community.
2. Nineteen of the twenty-one clubs have a clearly defined membership clause.
3. Section 1: Membership of this Club shall be open to men of high moral character, living in Name of Community who are at least 21 years old and will further the interests and objectives of the Club.

Section 2: The total active membership of this Club shall be limited to Number.

Section 3: Proposals for new members shall be made by current members to the President. A proposal shall be in writing, signed by the applicant and sponsoring member, and contain such information as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: At the next regular meeting following receipt of the application, the candidate shall be voted upon, and unless there are two or more dissenting votes, the candidate shall be elected to membership.

Section 5: Should the proposed candidate be elected to membership, the President shall notify him and his sponsor of the Club's action and invite him to attend the next meeting.

Section 6: The procedure for reinstatement of former members shall be the same as for all new members, except that reinstated members shall not be liable for the initiation fees.

Section 7: Any member of the Club, may present to the Board of Directors written charges against any other member for conduct unbecoming a gentleman or likely to endanger the welfare of the Club. After the member so charged has been given an opportunity to be heard in answer to such charges, the Board may suspend or expel him from membership.

Section 8: Resignations shall be made in writing to the President. Resignations shall not relieve the members presenting them from any indebtedness to the Club.

4. The number of meetings and/or social events that the clubs require a prospective member to attend is 2 or less for 7 clubs and 3 for the other 14 clubs.
5. How the expenses are managed varies among the clubs; in 13 clubs the club pays for at least 1 meal, in the other 8 clubs the sponsor pays for 1 meal or more.
6. Additional Comments:
  - i) One likely source of new members is retirees and recent retirees.
  - ii) Clubs need to have interesting, planned programs to attract and retain members.
  - iii) The Gyrettes could recruit among the members of their other social groups; if her friend is interested in attending a meeting or social, she may persuade her husband to become a member of the Gyro club.

### **Interim Meeting Report:**

At the International Interim Meeting in Las Vegas a New Membership Recruitment Session was held on the morning of Thursday, January 21, 2010.

International 1<sup>st</sup> VP Harold Bernard opened the meeting by explaining the importance of receiving input from as many of our members as possible; prior to creating a package of recruiting materials.

The questions, at the beginning of this article, requesting information from the clubs was presented. A brief review of the responses was given to the large number of Gyros in attendance (60+).

The Group was then asked to respond to the following question:

**How can we do a better job of meeting the needs of our members and of our clubs?**

Summary of the responses:

- i) If the reason, a member does not invite his friend to attend a meeting of the club, is because he does not wish to expose him to incompetent leadership, a poor program or an inadequate meeting place. The members of the club should evaluate the club's operation and find ways to rectify the shortcomings.
- ii) There is a need for a number of levels of membership.
  - a) Senior members who have served the club for a number of years may wish to be relieved of major club duties and responsibilities.
  - b) Gyrettes in some clubs may wish to take on duties and responsibilities in the club's operation.
  - c) Sons and acquaintances of members, who are committed to career and/or family demands at present and are unable to take on total membership duties and responsibilities, may wish to be associate members.
- iii) A club organizes a membership event as part of its scheduled yearly activity program. Every member invites a guest (prospective member) to the event. This has proven to be a very successful method of increasing the membership in a number of clubs.
- iv) Invite parents to bring their children to a Christmas Party where the children receive gifts and are entertained. While the parents are at the party, they will have an opportunity to meet and enjoy Gyro friendship and fellowship.
- v) Each club and district should have a membership chair.
- vi) Publicize information about the club in newspaper editorials.
- vii) Organize new clubs in areas where a club has never been.

The session was very encouraging and suggests that a number of our members are willing and eager to work towards bringing in new members. The reality is that we are 123 members fewer this January 31 than we were in January 31, 2009. An extra effort is required by all clubs to bring in new members.

**YES, YOU CAN !!!!!!!**

**Yours in Gyro Friendship,  
Harold R. Bernard  
International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
and Membership Chairman**

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**"I do so help around the house! I keep dust off the recliner  
and make sure all of the remotes are working properly!"**

## CLUB NEWS

### LUNCHEON – FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Larry Elford, a Chartered Financial Planner, was our guest speaker at the February 3, 2010 luncheon. Larry's talk was on the "Pitfalls in the Financial Securities Industry". He discussed how to commit the perfect crime in the financial industry. The four ingredients needed to be successful are:

- be self regulating.
- choose who you hire to regulate the industry. Larry mentioned that top regulators are past industry executives.
- pay your regulators more than they could make in private industry.
- be given permission to circumvent the law.

Larry discussed how the industry has received numerous exemptions. He explained how one company, which was promoting an initial public offering that was not going well, received a legal exemption on reporting, which then allowed the offering to be successful.

Larry also discussed how the Canadian fees for mutual funds were the highest of 86 reporting countries.

Larry had numerous other examples how the financial industry prospers by being self regulated and how we should be more informed when purchasing financial products. With the 'goings on' in the financial industry over the past couple of years, he may well be right !

There were 24 Gyros in attendance. Lyle Nisi was the lucky ticket holder and won \$24.

Dave Jenner

**FUN NIGHT – FEBRUARY 20, 2010**



**A wonderful group of ladies at Fun Night.**



**Everyone looks pretty serious – and its Fun Night !!**

On February 20, thirty-six attended our annual February Fun Night which was again held at the Italian Canadian Club. Most of those who attended the event showed up early and ordered Italian dinner off the menu. After supper a Bocce competition was held. Some enjoyed the “thrill of victory”, while others endured the “agony of defeat”. And still others were left to wonder what (in the wide world of sport) had just happened to them ! In the end, first place went to the luckiest group (they had little talent) which was comprised of Donna Lee’s dad (Gordon), Joyce Deis, Hank Ernst and Al Fech. They were presented with ribbons which indicated that they were “Living Legends” (in their own minds). The second luckiest group of the evening consisted of Renate Barr, Norm Gossett, Hazel Gossett, and John Fildes.



**The winners – Gordon (Donna Lee’s Dad), Joyce Deis, Hank Ernst and Al Fech.**



**In 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Renate Barr, Norm Gossett, Hazel Gossett and John Fildes.**

A special thank you goes to Jim and Renate Barr for organizing the event. All who were able to attend had a really good time.

Photos and story by Ken Baker (The Bingo Guy)

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR .....

Two sisters, one blonde and one brunette, inherited the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from repossessing the ranch, they need to purchase a bull from the stockyard in a far town so that they can breed their own stock. They only have \$600 left, but are hopeful that one can be purchased for that amount (or less). Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, "When I get there, if I decide to buy a bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home." The brunette arrives at the stockyard, inspects the bulls, and decides she wants to buy one of them. The man tells her that he will sell it to her for \$599, no less. After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office and says, "I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home."

The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, "It's just 99 cents a word."

Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette only has \$1 left. She realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word. After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, "I want you to send her the word "comfortable.""

The operator shakes his head. "How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word "comfortable"?"

The brunette explains, "My sister's blonde. The word's big. She'll read it very slowly -- com-for-da-bull."

**Bryan Sherwood – Bulletin Editor**



**KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO**

