



Gyrodeo



September 2008 Bulletin

How quickly the summer has passed by !! Here it is September and time to start another fun filled season. There were many events held over the summer and a big "thank you" goes out to all the organizers and their helpers for making each event so special. Hope you all had a safe and happy summer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2008	
Wed. Sept 10, 2008	Noon Luncheon Meeting - Carriage House Inn The Annual General Meeting of the Gyro Club of Calgary
Friday Sept 19, 2008	Installation of Officers at Carriage House Inn Our hosts are Ken Baker, Steve Denny & Bill McCachen. See page 2 for details.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
(Since Venus is normally associated with women, what does this tell you!)

No piece of paper can be folded in half
more than seven (7) times. Oh, go ahead...I'll wait..

ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



THE GYRO CLUB OF CALGARY WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS ON SEPTEMBER 19 AT THE CARRIAGE HOUSE INN

Time	Cocktails at 6:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM
Cost	\$50 per person (same as last year)
Dress	Business suit or Black Tie (your choice)

Let's really kick off the New Year in Gyro by supporting our new executive at this year's "Harvest Ball" as they are installed into office by the new District 2nd Lt Governor, Don Boyle.

Following the installation program, we will be able to visit with Gyro friends and dance the night away to tunes provided by "Music by Starlite".

Please note that there will not be a Fly-Away Breakfast on Saturday morning.

CURLARAMA 2008 - BANFF

Curlarama 2008 will be held in Banff from Friday evening, November 7 to Sunday noon, November 9. The event includes three games of curling (no experience necessary), a darts tournament, a Texas Holdem Poker tournament and lots of Gyro socializing. Please contact John Hodgson (tel: 403-253-3150; email: jehodgson@shaw.ca) if you are interested in participating either as a curler or non-curler.

John Hodgson

CLUB NEWS

Victoria International Convention – June 12 -15

The convention was held June 12 – 15 at the Empress Hotel in beautiful Victoria, B.C. and hosted by the Camosun Gyro Club. As I recall, it was attended by approximately 400 Gyros, who as usual came together to renew old friendships and make some new ones. Our Calgary club was represented by the Anderson's, Baker's and Denny's. On Thursday afternoon we walked over to the Royal British Columbia museum which was about a block away from the hotel and enjoyed an evening of looking through the museum as well as looking for the different food stations throughout. On Friday afternoon we all boarded buses and headed out to Sooke for a salmon barbecue and a lumberjack skills show. Saturday saw the formal night held at the hotel where the International executive was installed. Unfortunately our new International President, Peter Belding could not attend due to illness and was installed over a telephone hookup that was beamed over the hotels sound system for all to hear. Sunday morning we all enjoyed the fly away breakfast. It was a wonderful 4 days of friendship.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Denny under duress.

HORSE SHOE PITCH – June 19, 2008



The Horse Shoe Pitch was again Held at the Shrine Al Azahar Horse Patrol Grounds. This year only saw 20 attendees.

Attendance down considerably as a result of a number of no-shows

A departure in the menu this year was to serve B B Q" d Baby Back Ribs which was enjoyed by all.

Winners of the event were:

A Event.....Larry Fenton and Joe Chapman

B Event.....Jim Barr and Doug Bradley

C Event.....Les Hamilton and Alan Campbell

I must again thank all those (too numerous to mention).. you know who you are.., who assisted with this years event. Next Years Chairman will be Bill Watson

Many Thanks,

Dick Skinner

ANNUAL B-B-Q - July 13th



The BBQ, held on July 13, 2008, was attended by about 70 of our members. Even the weather co-operated and everyone had a good time. Bocce still seemed to be the game of choice and prizes were awarded for various accomplishments. Our meal of prime rib was excellent as was the home made pie. We thank everyone who attended and helped to make the BBQ a success

Al Fech (Photos by Ken Baker)

District VIII Convention - August 7 - 10

The District VIII convention was held in Nelson, BC on August 7-10. It was attended by approximately 240 Gyros including 10-11 couples from our club. The opening day, Thursday, we enjoyed a buffet supper as well as entertainment after the meal. Friday morning saw the golfers head off to the Granite Pointe Golf Course while others went on walking tours or hikes. Friday afternoon and evening we enjoyed Bocce at a former campground owned by a Nelson Gyro. The most spectacular part of the evening entertainment was a lightning storm which managed to start 4 forest fires. However before they could get a strong foothold a severe rain storm followed which appeared to douse the flames as well as some of the participants still playing Bocce. Joe Vingo also called the fire fighting service that in turn sent spotter planes and a helicopter to insure that the fires were out. Saturday morning the business meeting was held and the rest of the day was at our leisure. Saturday evening the Governors Ball and installation were held. Outgoing Governor Vern Griswold thanked all those who offered there support throughout his term. Bernie Kropp (Edmonton) was installed as first Lt. Governor, Don Boyle (Cranbrook) as 2nd Lt. Governor, Garry Pattison (Stampede City) as Treasurer and finally our new Governor Joe Vingo (Nelson). Joe stated that they might not be the smartest executive ever but they will have the most fun! Sunday morning we all enjoyed a fly-away breakfast and looked forward to Fairmount next year.

Again, respectfully submitted by Steve Denny under duress. How can you say no to the bulletin editor when he has a gun and knows how to use it!

2008 August Mixed Gyro Golf Tournament – August 17



This annual event was held on Sunday, August 17 at the **Earl Grey Golf Club** on the Lakeview Nine - Hosted by Larry Fenton and Dave Jenner.

There were 34 golfers in attendance at Earl Grey

Winners were:

Men's Low Gross – Mick Starr (Guest)

Men's Low Net - Shorty Price

Ladies' Low Gross – Marjorie Starr (Guest)

Ladies' Low Net - Betty Fildes

Skill Prizes:

Ladies' Closest to the pin – Barb Mills

Ladies' Longest Putt – Joan Arthur (Guest)

Men's Closest to the pin – Mick Starr (Guest)

Men's Longest Putt – Chet Mills

Ladies' High Hidden Hole – Jodie Watson

Men's High Hidden Hole – Hank Ernst

The weather was hot with a welcome breeze until late afternoon when clouds provided some relief. After golf, 35 golfers and guests attended the post-golf dinner in the Fenton's back yard. Thirsts were quenched by Steve Denny running the Gyro Bar. Betty Fenton catered the dinner serving a variety of appetizers, salads, cannelloni, delicious breads and desserts. All seemed to enjoy the food and camaraderie. Prize awards and mulligan ticket draws had to be accelerated when it started to rain and were concluded indoors.

Larry Fenton

ANNUAL CORN BOIL – August 21st



Sharon, Bill and Bonar enjoying themselves at the corn boil.



Ethan Compton explaining the origin of corn to Joyce Deis ???

The Corn Boil was once again a outstanding success considering the weather was cold, with on and off rain showers. We had 49 confirmed, with 61 actual attendees. Going into the event we weren't sure whether or not any Taber corn would be available this year, as many of the producers were wiped out due to the hail storm back in June. Just 4 days prior to the event, we received a call from our grower, and he was able to provide us with some of the best corn we have had in many years.

All those attending did not leave on an empty stomach, and any remaining corn was quickly bought up by a few lucky guests.

A special thanks to Bob Steele, John Fildes, and John Beck for all of their hard work, as without them, this event would not have been such a great success.

Cheers, Don Doolan.

(Photos by Ken Baker)

CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Don and Yvonne Doolan have a new telephone number which covers both their residence and business – 403 – 312 – 0027.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8th Bob Lane, Les Hamilton, Bob Rowan
9th Bob Nixon
13th George Palardy
14th Andy Chunta
15th Harold Lissel
19th Bill Watson
21st Nick Kenny
26th Cliff Deis



Have a Great Day Gentlemen !

A THANK YOU FROM DUNCAN STRACHAN

I would like to thank all the Gyros that called, e-mailed or sent cards inquiring after my well being after my recent surgery. I didn't realize how much Gyro friendship meant to me. It has been overwhelming.

Thanks again

Duncan

A NOTE FROM DON MacMAHON

Gary Cull received the following note in July from Don which he sent out to everyone via e-mail. For those of you that do not have e-mail, or missed the note, here it is:

Hi Gyro`s:

Just a note. I had a bad accident on May 28th. Fell and broke my hip and required a hip replacement. After 10 days in hospital I was released to the care of my wonderful R.N. Nurse Fran. It was a very bad break and will require a longer period than usual to recover. Have been progressing well with walker cane etc. Hope to be down to just a cane by the end of the month. We have completed 40 years in Gyro / Gyrettes this year, (joined with Bill McIntyre) and we were looking forward to sharing a lot of activities this coming summer and fall. So much for plans. I cannot drive for 3 months, and need to be careful. You might let our friends know. We have only heard from Scott & Marguerite so I guess others are not aware.

In Friendship,
Fran & Don.

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Ethan Compton called in early June to advise that Jack Mooney celebrated his 90th birthday on May 31st. Among the many guests to help jack celebrate were 10 Gyros and Gyrettes. Happy Belated Birthday Greetings Jack, from all of your Gyro friends !!!!

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and always she was correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself!"

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandma," he advised. "Mine says I'm four"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. At last she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

Our five-year-old son Mark couldn't wait to tell his father about the movie we had watched on television, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. " The scenes with the submarine and the giant octopus had kept him wide-eyed. In the middle of the telling, my husband interrupted Mark, "What caused the submarine to sink?" With a look of incredulity Mark replied, "Dad, it was the 20,000 leaks!!"

A grandmother was surprised by her 7 year old grandson one morning. He had made her coffee. She drank what was the worst cup of coffee in her life. When she got to the bottom, there were three of those little green army men in the cup. She said, "Honey, what are these army men doing in my coffee?" Her grandson said, "Grandma, it says on TV, "The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup!"

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 403-569-2138, or send me an e-mail at andreasherwood@shaw.ca

Bryan Sherwood, Bulletin Editor



KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO

