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Our regular meeting on Tuesday February 2nd was replaced by "Surprise Night" at the Sherwood Park Club's regular meeting. The surprise for the Sherwood Park Club was that we were in attendance. **President Bernie Kropp** welcomed us and there was a good turnout from both clubs.

There are three hockey games to report on this time. Game 10 was a little different with Team North America taking on Team World at Tampa on January 14th. At the end of the first period it was 4 to 1 for North America and the winners were **Terrie Ellis** and Darren Agnew. North America continued to lead by a score of 7 to 4 after two and Mary Norman and Mary Letawsky won. The final score was 8 to 6 and there were three winners, Bruce Morter, Samuel Glassford and John Marshall from Hay River.

On January 30 the Washington Capitals were at Toronto for Game 11. The Leafs led by 1 to 0 at the end of the first and the winners were Adam Letawsky and **Yvette Stroppa**. After two, it was 4 to 0 for Toronto and Robert Lineker and Butch Agnew got the cheques. The final score was 5 to 3 with the big cheques going to Kathie Lippe and Carla Walker.

On February 6, the New Jersey Devils were at home to Toronto and they led the Leafs 2 to 1 after the first. Morgan Power and **Tony Sheppard** won. It was tied at 2 all at the end of the second and Cory Russell and Barbara Walker were smiling. At the end of the game Toronto was ahead 3 to 2 and the winners were Beverly Russell and Dale Parenteau.

Did you know that the difference between bagpipes and a lawnmower is that you can tune the lawnmower?

The guest speaker at Surprise Night was Rick Lelacheur who is now the Chairman of the Worker's Compensation Board, and was one of the individuals who was instrumental in securing the 2001 Track and Field Championships for Edmonton. The International Amateur Athletics Federation chose our city over the competition, and the events will be held from August 3 to 12, 2001.

What we call track and field in North America is known as athletics in the rest of the world and there are weekly competitions that have large viewing audiences. It is a single sport with over forty different disciplines. Due to the popularity of athletics, the television audience for our games in Edmonton is expected to be 3.9 billion people, with approximately 28 million in North America.

Hosting the Championships will be a major undertaking with 3,000 to 3,500 athletes and officials coming here. 4,000 media representatives are expected and between 25 and 50 heads of state will visit at some point during the games. A legacy of the Championships will be upgrades to the scoreboard, track and power equipment at Commonwealth Stadium and improvements to Clarke Park, which will be used as a warm-up facility.

On our behalf, **President Jack** thanked the Sherwood Park Club for inviting us to surprise night.

Second Posting. Geoff Brewer is sponsored by **John Ross** and has submitted an application to join our club. Geoff is a manager at Spartan Controls, is married to Diane and is the father of two girls. Some of you met Geoff and Diane at the bowling night.

Upcoming Events:

Bocci Night is planned for March 1st at the Italian Cultural Centre on the St Albert Trail. The event will commence at 6:00 p.m. Information on costs will soon be available.

District VIII Interim Convention is scheduled for March 19 – 21 at Fairmont Hot Springs. Everyone who attends this event enjoys it immensely.

Also, the **International and District IV Convention** will be held in Whistler, British Columbia from June 10 – 13, 1999. This could be an opportunity for our members to travel in a convoy similar to the one we enjoyed so much last year.

The District VIII Convention is scheduled for August 5-8, 1999 at the Prestige Inn in Cranbrook B.C.

The Sherwood Park Club is organizing a Quad Club Golf Event for August 30, 1999. Mark the date so that you will be available, and details will follow.

The Sherwood Park Club will also be hosting the **District VIII Convention** in the year 2000 at the Fantasyland Hotel.