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This is the first Gyrolog since March 21, 2000 and is the first time since I started to write it that I have been unable to get out an issue. So this one covers the last two meetings.

The first meeting was the Gyro Election Night on April 18, 2000. **Past President Jack Ellis** welcomed the group and **Larry Dobson** led us in Cheerio. **Gerry Glassford** then said grace.

President Gord presented the membership kits to two of our newer members, **Joe Ramsay** and **Ted Hagemann**. We again enjoyed a wonderful dinner thanks to Elizabethian Caterers and of course fellowship at all of the tables.

This election night was a little different, as there was no balloting. The two retiring Directors are **John Plunkett** and **Walter Yakimets**. The Directors who will be in their second year are **Bob Lippe** and **Roy Bennett**. The new Directors who will replace them are **Dick Nichols** and **Ted Hagemann** who were declared elected. **Geoff Brewer** has agreed to another term as Secretary and **John Stroppa** will ably fill the Treasurer position for another year. As you may know, due to work commitments, **Gunnar Anderson** is unable to assume the President's position so the new President will be **Bruce Foy**. And to round out the executive for the next year, our Cheerio man, **Larry Dobson** will be the Vice-President.

The final hockey pool results for the year are as follows. Game 18 on March 25 saw the Canucks at Edmonton and after the first period the score was 1:0 for Edmonton and the winners were **Bernice Pedden** and **Hilda Walker**. It was tied after two and the winners were **Lauraine Duchak** and **Gordon Brook**. The final score was 3:2 for Vancouver and the big winners were **Barry Walker** and **Ryan Cunningham**.

Game 19 was on April 1, with Phoenix visiting the Oilers. It was 2:0 for Edmonton after the first and **PYS Roger Russell** and Cheryl Lawton each won \$10. The Oilers led by 3:0 after the second and **Tony Sheppard** and Jessica Warrack each claimed \$10. With a final score of 4:3 for Edmonton the \$25 prized went to **Lauraine Duchak** and Gordon Brook.

And finally, Game 20 on April 8, was the Battle of Alberta. At the end of the first there was no score and Dermot Baldwin from Calgary and Rick Connors received cheques. At the end of the second Edmonton led 3:1 and Pat Williams and **Marg Foy** cashed in. The final score was 6:3 for the Oilers and the winners were **Dave Duchak** and Lauren Warrack.

The last meeting was held on May 2, 2000 when **President Gord** presided over his last meeting and 29 Gyros attended. Once again **Larry Dobson** led us in Cheerio and **Marty Larson** asked the blessing.

This week I saw a bumper sticker that I am sure our own **PYS Roger Russell** wrote. It said "I started off with nothing, and I still have most of it!"

The birthdays this month are **Allan Ursulak** on May 10, **Andy Friderichsen** on May 13, **Geoff Brewer** on May 17, **David Burnett** on May 18, **Ivan Ivankovich** on May 23 and **Allan Warrack** on May 24, 2000.

We had a number of people who were returning from the south or who had taken a trip over the winter. They reported on their experiences. Those who told their stories included **Al McClure, Ernie Siegel, Bob Lippe, John Ross, Marty Larson, Mike Matei, Roger Russell, Ted Hagemann, Owen Cornish** and **Geoff Brewer**. We really have a wealth of members who are doing some interesting travelling and there seems to be some good programs with slide presentations. That is the only way those of us who are still working will get to see the world.

Barrie Walker is in the process of updating the Gyro Roster and he would like to include the e-mail addresses of our members. If you have an e-mail address to be included in the roster please let **Barrie** know at walkerb@petersonwalker.ab.ca

In an earlier version of the Gyrolog I wrote about the death of a former Chaplain of the club but I had the wrong information. Actually it was the **Reverend Dr. Jesse E. Bigelow** who passed away. Thanks to **Dave Duchak** who corrected the information. **Dr. Bigelow** succeeded the **Reverend Bill Graham** as Chaplain in 1961 when the latter moved to the east. Sorry for the mistake!

Upcoming Events:

The first event is the **Gyrettes** Meeting on Tuesday May 9, 2000 when the new Executive will be installed and there will be a business meeting. It will be at the Mayfair with drinks

at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Hopefully there will be a great turnout to welcome the new Executive.

The **Millennium Golf Tournament** is being organized by the Crossroads Club and will be held at the Riverbend Golf Course in Red Deer on Thursday June 1, 2000. **Mike Matei** informed us that the cost will be \$65.00 per person including the banquet and prizes and that the first T-time will be at 8:00 a.m. Please let Mike know if you are attending, they would like to have the money by May 20, 2000.

The annual **Edmonton Club Golf Scramble** is scheduled for Wednesday July 5, 2000 at the Westridge Golf Club. Once again, **Florrie and Bryce Van Dusen** have generously offered to host the banquet at their ranch near the golf club. Cost details will follow. This will surprise you but the organizers are looking for prizes. Contact **Barrie Walker** or **Roger Russell** if you can make a donation.

The **Gyro International and District VIII Convention** will be held in Winnipeg July 13 – 16, 2000. The Convention hotel is the historic Hotel Fort Garry. Many of the Edmonton Gyros who attend the convention are planning further fun and friendship after the Sunday breakfast. **John and Helen Ross** are organizing a week in Killarney after the convention. There will be cabins for those who want to spend a week (or less) with Gyro friends. There is a terrific golf course in Killarney and other attractions nearby. If you are interested in participating in this Gyro week please contact **John** or **Helen**.

The Gyro Club of Sherwood Park is hosting the **District VIII Convention** from August 24 to August 27, 2000 at the Fantasyland Hotel. The program includes a Beach Party at the Waterpark on Thursday evening, golf and a tour of the Ukrainian Village and bocci on Friday, dinner at Festival Place, a ladies brunch and the Governor's Ball on Saturday and a float away breakfast on Sunday. For more information, contact the Convention Chairman, **Bernie Kropp** at 440-1234.

The Sherwood Park Club is organizing the Second Annual "**Gyro/Gyrette**" **Quad Club Golf Tournament** on Monday September 11, 2000 at the Legends Golf & Country Club. Registration is limited to the first 48 **PAID** golfers and groups will be made up in advance. The ladies will play first commencing at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$52.00 per person, which includes a power cart and a Ribeye steak dinner. The price for dinner only is \$25.00.

Ode to Golf

In my hand, I hold a ball,
White and dimpled, rather small,
Oh, how bland it does appear,
This harmless looking little sphere.

By it's size I could not guess,
The awesome strength it does possess;

To master such a tiny ball,
Should not be very hard at all.
But my desires the ball refuses,
And does exactly as it chooses.

It hooks and slices, dribbles and dies,
Or disappears before my eyes.

But since I fell beneath its spell
I've wandered through the fires of Hell.

My life has not been quite the same
Since I chose to play this game.
It rules my mind for hours on end.
A fortune it has made me spend.

It has made me curse and cry.
I hate myself and want to die.
It promises a thing called 'par'
If I can hit it straight and far.

Often it will have a whim
To hit a tree or take a swim.

With miles of grass on which to land
It finds a tiny patch of sand,
Then has me offering up my soul
If it will just drop in the hole.

It has made me whimper like a pup,
And swear that I will give it up
And take to drink to ease my sorrow
But 'The Ball' knows.....
I'll be backtomorrow.

Same Old Bull

Allan

