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The July 18th noon meeting at the Mayfair was opened with a hearty warm greeting from President Mike, then Harry lead a rousing "Cheerio" and Bert said the blessing.

Our visitors were Keith Bradley from the Sherwood Park Gyro Club and Allan Warrack introduced our speakers to be, Rick Neilson and Ray Randin.

Members to have birthdays in the near future were Andy Carabott July 21st, Ken McKenzie on the 23rd and our venerable Gyro buddy Stew Graham on the 28th.

Bert Boren reported that Russ Shepherd's eye problem is improving, if slowly.

Gyrette Sharon Lynne Matei and President Mike had to cancel the Chicago International Convention at the last minute, when Sharon's executive assisant unexpectedly passed away. It has been especially traumatic for Sharon Lynne and our prayers and best wishes go out to her.

Marty Larson reported a turnout of 313 at the Chicago Gyro International Convention. They ran a good convention but under very hot humid conditions

(Since the heat wave began before the convention, it cannot be blamed on the Gyros!) The Friday golfers went out at 12.30 p.m. in a 104 F temperature with high humidity. Patrons of the baseball game suffered like conditions.

Our Edmonton Gyro Club once again won the International Man Mile Award. Al McClure said we got a good promotion for our convention next year. He particularly commended Roger Russell as "Mr. Promotor - 1st Class". Thanks to Roger and everyone for your promotional efforts.

Al was pleased to announce that in Chicago he had accepted the International Bulletin Award, won by our Gyrolog (Retread). Gord accepted this award from Al, with his usual humble, polite but warmly felt thanks. What a fitting response to his dedicated efforts for us.

Program Team #1, Allan Warrack, Tom Douglas & Mel Snihurowych gave us a memorable program - it was hilarious and some of us didn't leave Mayfair until 2 p.m. Allan introduced our two speakers Rick Neilsen and Ray Randin, part of a group of people who have been meeting once a month for the past seven years. These people are refreshing mad, but my do they have fun!.

Their latest escapade termed the "Big Challenge - it was a crazy thing to do" had them fly to Toronto on June 28th. The five of them were allowed a back pack, one change of clothes, a camera, 25cents and two pieces of I.D. & no credit cards. No pre planning was allowed and the challenge was to get back to Edmonton first, using at least three means of transportation. Their hi jinks, fund raising and pan handling was so successful, that they turned in over \$500.00 to favored charities on their return.

Their much publicized antics (Ontario will never be the same) has occasioned interviews from Vancouver to St. John and the Big Apple.

Next year a similar challenge is to London, England. Mel thanked Rick & Ray for a wonderful presentation.

Ernie Siegel won the draw and promptly turned the prize over to the golf scramble. Thanks Ernesto.

Our next meeting will be August 1st at Mayfair and will feature a speaker from the Edmonton Art Gallery - I wonder if this shouldn't be a mixed event?

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 27 - 30, 1995 DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION IN CALGARY. 10 COUPLES GOING.

AUGUST 10, 1995 AT 1 P.M. MIXED GOLF SCRAMBLE AT WESTRIDGE (DEVON) FOLLOWED WITH BBQ AT BRYCE VAN DUSEN'S

NOTE - AUGUST 1st <u>DEADLINE</u> FOR PAID UP REGISTRATION FOR MIXED GOLD SCRAMBLE AT WESTRIDGE (DEVON). NO PAY - NO PLAY - NUFF SAID.

On July 18th, 52 plan to golf and 68 to enjoy food and fun at Bryce & Florrie's.

Team members for this event are Gunnar Anderson, Allan Ursulak & Owen Cornish.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20 HARNESS RACING AT NORTHLANDS. REGISTRATION AUGUST 28TH DEADLINE. JOHN STROPPA AND FRED SCHULTE AT YOUR SERVICE FOR THIS EVENT.



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