



# ***THE GYROLOG***

**THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON**

**Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921**

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## **AUGUST 2011**

Those celebrating birthdays in August are **Bruce Foy** on the 1st, **Val Pohl** and **Walter Yakimets** on the 4th, **Erik Spink** on the 6th, **Ken Bowes** and **Peter Fairbridge** on the 7th, **Peter Morrison** on the 13th, **Allan Douglas** on the 14th and **Bruce Houston** the 29th.

The August wedding anniversaries are **David McNaughton** and **Laura Travis**, 24 years on the 1st; **Erik Spink** and **Cristina Gauk**, 10 years on the 18th; **Allan** and **Jean Warrack**, 49 years on the 18th; **Leon** and **Jo-Anne Lubin**, 45 years on the 23rd and **Andy** and **Blanche Friderichsen**, 55 years on the 28th.

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**The Edmonton Community Foundation's 2010 Annual Report** contains some good news:

**The GYRO Club of Edmonton Fund** has grown to **\$20,974** from our initial contribution of \$16,500 in April 2008. In 2010, tribute gifts memorialized departed GYRO Club members **David Duchak**, **John Plunkett**, **Gordon Rennie**, **Tony Sheppard** and **Ernie Siegel**.

Annual disbursement from our GYRO Fund is added to disbursements from the much larger **Lee Community Playspace Fund**.

In 2010, Edmonton Community Playspace Program Grants were awarded to:  
Bonnie Doon Community League- playground revitalization- \$5000  
Ellerslie Recreation and Community League- park & playground development-\$5000  
Escuela Mill Creek School- school playground redevelopment- \$5000  
Ottewell Community League- playground revitalization- \$5000

So, our GYRO Club's history of funding children's playgrounds continues.

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The GYRO Club of Edmonton's **Annual Golf Tournament** was held at the Legends Golf & Country Club on Tuesday afternoon, August 2nd. Modified Texas Scramble Rules were used to score the eight teams and 29 players who enjoyed near perfect sunny weather. A total of 41 Gyro, Gyrettes and guests enjoyed a steak barbeque after the tournament.

**Sharon Matei** and **Marg Foy** provided exotic refreshments on Holes three and nine. **Shirley Larson** won the prize for the longest putt on hole 3, **Georgina Plunkett** was the winner of the ladies longest drive on hole 2, **Team 7** won the closest to the pin or green on second shot on hole 4, **Walter Yakimets** won the closest to pin on hole 5, **Jack Slobodan** won the Men's longest drive on hole 6, **Team 2** won the birdie shot on hole 8 and **Ken Willan** won the prize for the longest putt on hole 9.

**Team No. 6** , consisting of **Ken Willan**, **Marty** and **Shirley Larson** were awarded prizes for the most honest team. **Team 7**, consisting of **Mike Matei**, **Marie Losier**, **Darren Reade** and **Jim Lochhead** were awarded prizes for the best score. All of the other teams won prizes as well. Many more prizes were awarded through the drawing of 5 and 10 dollar arms-length tickets.

Thanks to **Valerie and Barry Walker** and **Janet and Roger Russell** for organizing another highly enjoyable golf tournament.

The Club celebrated their **90th Anniversary** at Fort Edmonton on August 16th. Fifty-two Gyros, Gyrettes, grand children and guests met at **Gyro Playground No. 10** for a picnic lunch. The Edmonton Club contributed funds to the building of Gyro Playground No. 10 located behind the fire hall in Fort Edmonton Park. The Edmonton, Sherwood Park and Edmonton Crossroads Clubs attended the official opening of the playground on August 14, 1984.

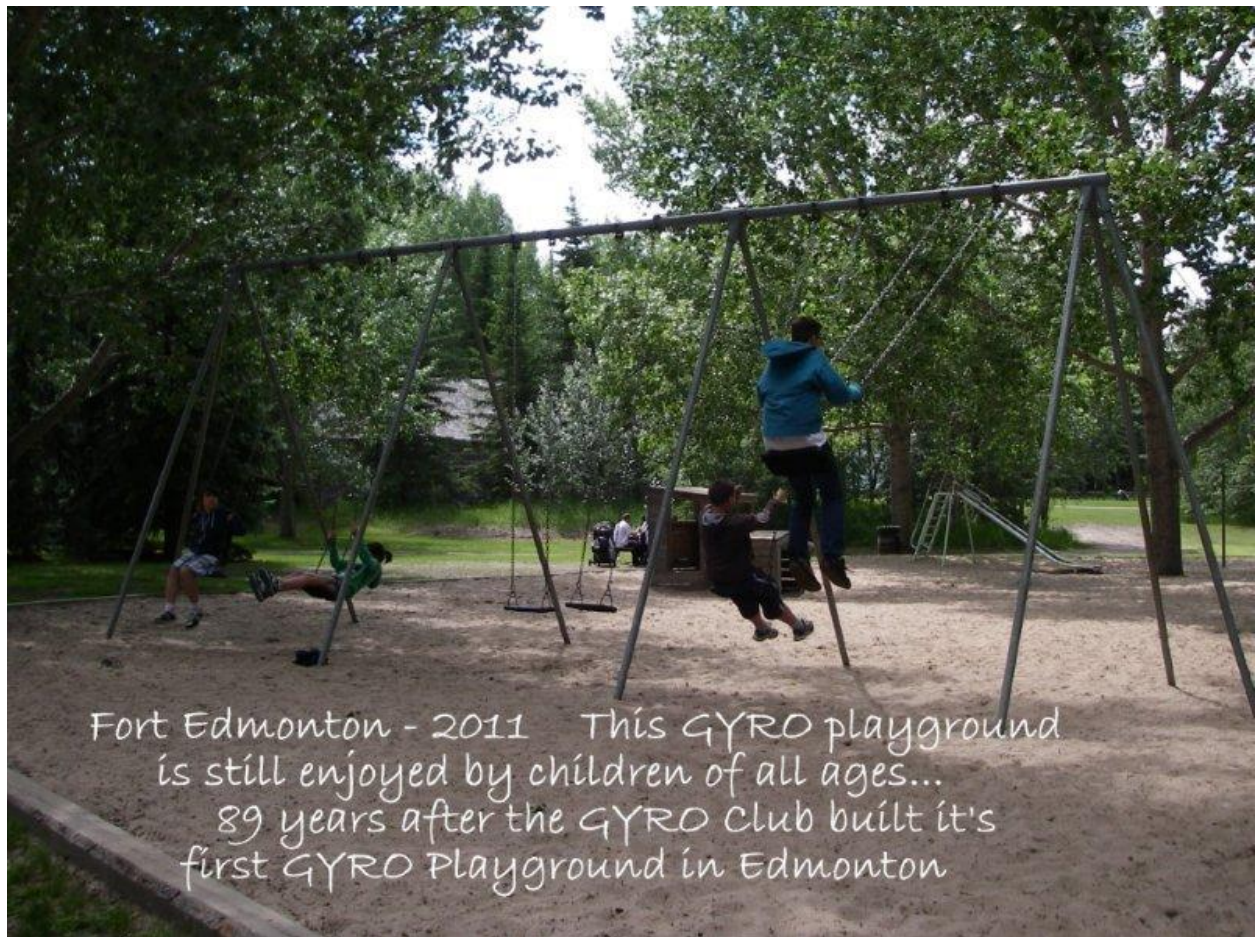


Photo by John Ross

**John Ross** presented a history of the development of Gyro playgrounds from 1922-1949. John included a number of humorous references to the changing political and social climate in Edmonton as a result of efforts to raise money for the building of the playgrounds through games of chance and ticket raffles for the winning of a new house or automobile. After the picnic lunch, everyone was treated to ice cream cones donated by **Gord Robertson**. Each individual as part of their entrance fee to Fort Edmonton received tokens for rides and games of chance at the 1920's Midway. The new **Capital Theatre** was also open for tours and a chance

to experience a new show entitled *Northern Light, The Edmonton Journey* complete with vibrating seats.

Thanks to **Helen and John Ross, Marlene and David Burnett, Bruce and Marg Foy** and **Gordon Robertson** for organizing this memorable event.



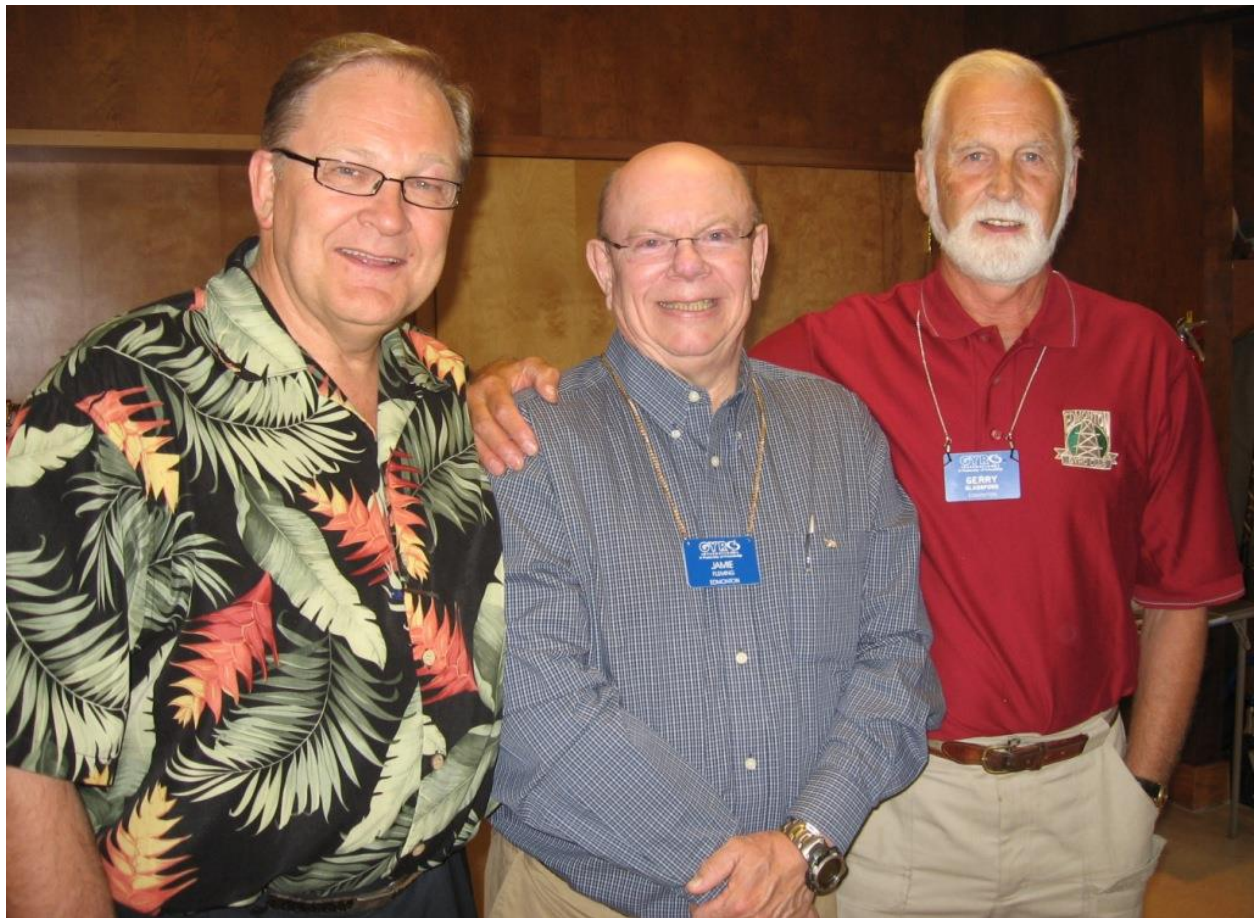
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Sixty-five Gyros, Gyrettes and guests met at the Malmo Community Hall for our annual **Corn Roast and Bocce Tournament** on Tuesday evening, August 30th. A Bocce tournament was held on the grass lawns outside the hall resulting in a hard fought battle for first and second place. The team of **Ken and Barbara Willan, Michael Mant and Sharon French** were the runners up and the team of **Kay and Walter Yakimets, Bill Taylor and Marie Losier** came away with first place.

**Andy and Blanche Friderichsen** were honoured in their celebration of 55 years of marriage on August 28th, 2011.

A hearty meal of roasted chicken, potato salad, corn on the cob and carrot cake was enjoyed by all.

Past District Governor **Gerry Glassford** presided over the induction of **Jamie Fleming** as the newest member of the Edmonton Club. Gerry as co-sponsor provided a brief statement on the expectations of the Gyro fraternity and our commitment in support of Jamie as a new member. **Alice Glassford** on behalf of **Allan Warrack** co-sponsor, presented Jamie Fleming with his new member Gyro pin. Those in attendance then proceeded to give Jamie a thunderous round of applause and welcomed him to Gyro.



**President Ari Hoeksema**

**Jamie Fleming**

**PDG Gerry Glassford**

Thanks to **Marlene** and **David Burnett**, **Marg** and **Bruce Foy**, **Janet** and **Roger Russell**, **Valerie** and **Barry Walker**, **Jack Ellis** (Bocce) and **Bill Taylor** (Bocce) for organizing this excellent event.



**Jamie Fleming cutting the Gyro Club of Edmonton 90th Anniversary cake**

### **FIRST POSTING**

**Larry George** has applied for membership in our club. **Larry** and his wife, **Laura Melynk** reside at **261 Bulyea Road** and their postal code is **T6R 1Y1**. Their telephone number is **780-430-6648** and their email address is [\*\*lgeorge@shaw.ca\*\*](mailto:lgeorge@shaw.ca) **Larry** is an environmental educator with his own company, *Education is the Way!* and is proposed by **Larry Dobson** and **Gerry Glassford**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**There will be no luncheon meeting at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club on Tuesday, September 6th.**

### **Gyrette Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, September 13th**

**Time: 5:30-6:30 pm, Business Meeting to deal with unfinished motions from AGM (Quorum of at least 23 members required)**

**6:30: Dinner followed by Speaker: Darlene Burton, Director of Development, Salvation Army**

**Cost: \$25**

**Contacts: Gayle Houston and Kay Yakimets**

### **Regular Luncheon Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday, September 20th**

**Speaker: Nestor Pistor.** He Loves to Perform!. From the farmyard to the boardroom, his hilarious jokes and stories are a unique tribute to the lighter side of the Ukrainian Canadian experience. For the countless hotels, banquets, casinos, and national and international conventions, Nestor Pistor has never failed to delight with his unmistakable and unforgettable brand of humour.

**Contact: Ari Hoeksema**

### **2011 Gyro Day at the Races, Northlands Spectrum, 4th Floor Chairman's Suite, Sunday September 25th**

**Time: 12:00 noon- Doors open, 12:30 lunch buffet, 1:00 pm Post Time**

**Buffet Menu: Roast Striploin, Florentine Chicken, Vegetable Medley, salads, desserts, coffee and tea. A cash bar will be available.**

**Cost: \$37 per person, Gyro's or guests**

**Contact: Val Pohl**

**The 2011 Annual Men's Bocce Night Along with our Gyro Friends from the St. Albert Gyro Club, Tuesday Evening, October 4th**

**Location: Italian Cultural Centre, 14230 -133 Ave, Edmonton (turn right off St Albert Trail at 132 Ave.)**

**Menu: Roast Beef with mushroom sauce, Caesar Salad, Italian Style Roast Potatoes, California Style Vegetables, Rolls and Butter, Hot Apple Pie, Coffee/ Tea.**

**Cost: \$38 per person (no Wine)**

**\$48 per person (with wine)**

**Please confirm with Michael Matei as soon as possible, 780-414-2514 office email: [michael.matei@raymondjames.ca](mailto:michael.matei@raymondjames.ca)**

**Founders Night with the Sherwood Park Gyro Club, Wednesday Evening, October 19th**

**German Canadian Cultural Club, 8310- Roper Road**

**This is a men's only event!**