



THE GYROLOG

THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON

Club Charter No.15, July 29, 1921

President-**Sam Gruden**, Past President-**John Boyd**,
Vice-President-**John Mann**, Secretary-**Barry Walker**, Treasurer-**Gary Campbell**,
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Those celebrating their birthdays in May are **Tracy Deslaurier** on the 5th, **Andy Friderichsen** on the 13th, **David Burnett** on the 18th, **Cec Butt** on the 23rd, **Allan Warrack** on the 24th and **David Winfield** on the 25th. Those celebrating wedding anniversaries are **Dick and Vi Moskalyk**, 56 years on the 15th; **Sheldon and Judy Weatherby**, 42 years on the 15th; **Hugh and Paula Moncrieff**, 49 years on the 16th; **Cec and Martina Butt**, on the 18th; **Fred and Paulette Schulte**, 45 years on the 18th; **Chuck and Myrna Gerhart**, 48 years on the 22nd and **Peter and Katherine Morrison**, 33 years on the 30th.

Dick Nichols reports on the results of the **Hockey Pool**.

Game 20	April 24	Winners	First Period	Second Period	Final
Oilers vs. Black Hawks					
First	1	2	Andrea Scornaienchi	Andrea Scornaienchi	Len Stevens
Second	1	2	Shawna Soch	Shawna Soch	Jack Ellis
Final	1	4	Ron Ewoniak	Ron Ewoniak	Gyro

Gyro Bridge Club Windup Dinner

The Gyro Bridge Club Windup Dinner and Bridge Evening was held at the Highlands Golf and Country Club April 24, 2013 with 41 participants. A fine dinner was followed by recognition of the highlights of the past Season and then Bridge. The winner of the **Merrill Morstad Trophy** for the highest score for the year went to **Terrie Ellis** who had 20,840 points.

Second highest score for the year with 20,170 points was achieved by **Barb Willan**. **Top Male** for the year with 20,140 points was **Ron Ramsey**. **Jack Brown** achieved the highest score on any evening with a score of 5,340. The high score for a spare on any evening with 5,290 points was made by **Sam Gruden**. **Terri Ellis** with 5,170 points achieved the highest score on an evening for the Ladies.

The prize for the highest score on the Windup evening went to **Marlene Ramsey**. Second place went to **Bruce Foy**. The **Walter Yakimets Award** "I'm out for a good time" went to **Bea McKenzie**. A special award was presented to **Lorraine Assheton-Smith** for her contribution to the Gyro Bridge Club this past year.

Anyone interested in our Gyro Bridge Club should talk to **Ken Willan** or **Chuck Gerhart**.

President John Boyd welcomed 59 Gyros and Gyrettes to the **May 7th Executive Installation** held at the Derrick Golf and Winter Club. Also welcomed were **District Governor Dale** and **Mary Ann Woodroffe** and **1st Lt. Governor Jim** and **Rita Malott**. **Larry Dobson** led the group in the singing of **Cheerio** and **Jim Lochhead** gave the Grace.

Jim Malott inducted new members **Arvid (Arv) Hardin** and **Ken Korchinski**. **Arv** and **Ken** accepted their responsibilities outlined in the constitutions of Gyro International, District VIII and the Gyro Club of Edmonton. Their sponsors **Marty Larson** and **Walter Yakimets** agreed to support their new members to fully benefit from the values of the Gyro organization. The new members were heartily welcomed by each member in attendance.

David Burnett was recognized for his commitment to Gyro with the presentation of the **40 year pin**. David was sponsored by **Marty Larson** in 1973 and served as President of the Club in 1988-89. He also received the **Award of Merit** for outstanding service to Gyro in 2001.

Mike Matei was recognized for his commitment to Gyro with the presentation of the 25 year pin. Mike was also sponsored by Marty Larson and joined the Edmonton Club in 1988. He served as President in 1995-96 and Treasurer from 2004-2012.



Berni and Arv Hardin



Arden and Ken Korchinski

Sam Gruden

District Governor Dale Woodroffe made some remarks about Gyro business and stressed the need for a future District Governor from the Edmonton Club.

1st Lt. Governor Jim Malott installed **Gary Campbell** as **Treasurer**, **John Boyd** as **Past President**, **Sam Gruden** as **President**, **John Mann** as **Vice-President**, **Barry Walker** as **Secretary** and **Ari Hoeksema** as **Director**.

Past President John Boyd presented newly minted **President Sam Gruden** with the weighty "chains of office".



Jim Malott

John Boyd

John Mann

Ari Hoeksema

Gary Campbell

Sam Gruden

Barry Walker



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Mike Matei was born on October 28, 1956 to Nick and Anne Matei at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. Mike was the fourth of seven children (four boys and three girls). Anne was born in Edmonton and Nick was raised in the Hairy Hill area northeast of Edmonton. Mike attended Westglen Elementary, completed Grade 9 at Westmount Jr. High and graduated from Ross Sheppard High School in 1974.

Nick Matei ran the Embassy Club in Beverly, then moved to Stadium Motors where he did bodywork. He then started his own construction company with 15-20 pieces of equipment and undertook basement excavations and road work including the grade preparation for the ill-fated Mackinnon Ravine freeway. Nick, as a hunter and fisherman was interested in kinds of all-terrain vehicles. He designed his own six wheel drive amphibious vehicle named the "Prairie Bobcat". By the mid to late 1980's, the Prairie Bobcat was big business.

Mike went into business with his father as well as taking business and technical courses at the Northern Institute of Technology (NAIT). He also apprenticed in sheet metal work and welding. Nick showed Mike that anything made by man could be fixed by man. Besides the all-terrain vehicle business, the company also developed a power ice auger that was very popular with ice fishermen. By 1991, Mike's Dad had started to wind down his operations and he sold his business.

In 1987 Mike met **Sharon Lynne Dyck** who was raised in the Vermilion area of Alberta. Sharon was working with **Marty Larson** at Pemberton Securities. Mike and Sharon were married on March 18, 1989 and in the same year, Pemberton sold out to the Royal Bank. Sharon moved to the investment firm Dean Witter and then to Midland Walwyn.

In 1991, Mike established MTM Sports which was a wholesale network of golf-related products with customers from British Columbia to Ontario. After selling the rights to his golf products, Mike started working with Sharon at Midland Walwyn in 1994.

In 1998, Mike and Sharon moved to Merrill Lynch which was later sold to the CIBC in 2002. Sharon and Mike have been investment advisors at Raymond James since 2002. In addition to his investment work, Mike has reactivated his company, MTM Sports Canada and has developed a website that showcases a number of golf sports product lines that have not been previously offered in Canada. These product lines include the Harrison Shotmaker, custom golf bags as well as adjustable club heads.

Mike was introduced to the Gyro Club of Edmonton by **Marty Larson** and was officially inducted on June 9th, 1988. Mike has been the resident golf and curling expert in our club and has brought home numerous Gyro team trophy's. Mike served as **President in 1995-96** and **Treasurer from 2004-2012**. Mike and Sharon have been active supporters and participants in Gyro activities since the beginning.

Congratulations Sharon and Mike on 25 years of Gyro!



President Sam Gruden welcomed 32 Gyros and two guests to the **May 21st** luncheon meeting held at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. Cheerio was led by President Sam and Jim Lochhead gave the Grace. Sam introduced his guest **Roger Woltjen**.

Len Stevens introduced our guest speaker **Wendy Mah** who is the **Crime Prevention Coordinator** with the Alberta Motor Association (AMA). Wendy has been with the AMA for the last seven years and has 13 years of previous experience in community development.

Identity Theft occurs when your personal information is collected and used by persons without authorization to do so. The result of this illegal activity includes but is not limited to, applications in your name being made for credit with financial institutions, retail outlets and mortgage companies. Once your identity is compromised, it may take tremendous amounts of effort on your part in order to restore you good name and credit rating. Petty criminals collect cards and other financial information and then sell it to criminal organization in places like Nigeria and Quebec.

Tips on how to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity theft include:

- Before you reveal any personal identifying information, find out how it will be used and if it will be shared with others.
- Pay attention to your billing cycles. Follow up with creditors if your bills do not arrive on time.
- Guard your mail. Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes or at your local post office. Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after delivery. Ensure mail is forwarded or re-routed if you move or change your mailing address.
- Utilize passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information such as your mother's maiden name, your birth date, the last four digits of your SIN or your phone number.
- Minimize the identification, personal information and number of cards you carry.
- Do not give personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the internet unless you have initiated the contact or know with whom you are dealing.
- Keep items with personal information in a safe place. An identity thief may pick through your garbage or recycling bins. Be sure to tear or shred receipts, credit applications, insurance forms, physician statements and credit offers you get in the mail.

- Give your SIN only when absolutely necessary. Ask to use other types of identifiers when possible.
- Do not care your SIN card or birth certificate , leave them in a secure place.

Identity theft has a great impact on the individual and can result in the loss of confidence in the monetary system and repeated victimization. Eighty nine percent of credit card or ATM fraud in Alberta was related or possibly related to organized crime. Ms. Mah showed a number of visual examples of credit card terminal modification and the switching of a terminal unit with one made by the criminal.

Examples were also shown where pin hole camera's were installed in the ceiling above the ATM machine and the modification of a bank ATM machine to allow the filming of PIN numbers.

Jack Ellis thanked our guest speaker for an excellent presentation and providing valuable tips to prevent identity theft.

The winner of the Free Lunch draw was **Tracy Deslaurier**.

The District VIII Convention was held at **Fairmont Hotsprings Resort** in the Windermere Valley from May 23-26th. There were 141 Gyros and Gyrettes from 11 clubs in attendance. Seventeen Gyros and Gyrettes from the Edmonton Club attended. The **Car Rallye** held Friday morning attracted 26 four person teams who were expected to navigate a 83km course on both sides of Lake Windermere in a one hour plus time frame. Of course some teams navigated the course in a timely way but didn't read all of the instructions while others missed some turns and didn't quite figure it all out. In any event, the Rallye was a great success and our own **Marty Larson** was part of the winning team. Thanks to **Lyall** and **Marilyn Carter** of the Calgary Club for their huge time commitment in the design of the Rallye course.

Our traditional **Bocce Tournament** was held at Fairmont Hot Springs Lodge on some of the roughest, uneven grass lawns ever experienced. However the ground conditions did not deter the enthusiasm of either of the A and B team players.

On Friday evening, we were treated to a buffet dinner with the majority of the attendees dressed in unique **Tie Dye** outfits along with various wigs and other 60's paraphernalia. The photographs taken by **Ken Baker** in the "photo booth" will be

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treasures to be enjoyed for years to come. Thanks to **Dale Woodroffe** for his "bright idea".

The District VIII Business meeting was held Saturday morning and was well attended. **Governor Dale** reported on Gyro International business. There were 199 new members and 22 resignations in the year ending March 31st. There is quiet optimism that the downward trend in membership has slowed. **Friendship and Fun** will be the new International focus. The new Third International Vice-President is **Dana Davidson**.

The District VIII loan to Gyro International was paid in full by December 2012. There are currently 13 clubs in District VIII with 393 members. The new 2nd Lt. Governor will be **Alan Pentney of the Stampede City Club**. **Rikke Dootjes** is the District Secretary-Treasurer for 2013-14. The winner of the best **Club Bulletin** award is **Ken Williamson**, Editor of the **Gyroper** in the **Stampede City Club**. The **Man Mile Award** was won by the **Sherwood Park Club**. The **Membership Award** was won by the **Edmonton Club** with seven new members in 2012-13.

Dave Deroos, 1st Lt. Governor of the Wallace Gyro Club spoke about the plans to host the Gyro International and District VIII Convention in Wallace, Idaho from **June 16-22, 2014**.

The **Governor's Installation and Ball** was held Saturday evening. **Ian Greig, Past International President** and member of the Stampede City Club represented Gyro International. He began the formalities by presenting the **Award of Merit** posthumously to **Steve Denny** of the Calgary Club. **Carole Denny** accepted the award. **Ken Baker** of the Calgary Club was recognized by Gyro International for his assistance in setting up a new financial accounting system. He was also presented with the **Award of Merit**.

PDG and PIP Ian Greig then installed the Executive of District VIII for 2013-14 as follows:

Dale Woodroffe : Past District Governor

Jim Malott: District Governor

Dave Deroos: 1st Lt. Governor

Alan Pentney: 2nd Lt. Governor

Rikke Dootjes: Secretary-Treasurer

Thanks to the District Executive and participating clubs for hosting a first rate convention!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, June 4th

Speaker: Jim Montgomery, PhD., P.Eng., Principal, Dialog

Topic: New Walterdale Bridge

Contact: Bruce Foy

GYRETTE Meeting, Royal Mayfair Golf Club, Tuesday Evening, June 11th

Annual General Meeting

Time: 6:00, Dinner at 6:30pm

Cost: \$28

Contact: Myrna Slobodan

Regular Tuesday Luncheon Meeting, June 18th

Speaker: Lewis Cardinal, President and CEO, Cardinal Strategic Communications

Topic: "Canada is a Verb" What are some of the problems and concerns that the Métis and or aboriginals have with their current life situations? Some important facts about aboriginal culture and Canadian aboriginal laws will be presented.

Contact: Jack Slobodan