

# THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON  
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December 9, 1981

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 15, 1981, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

## BIRTHDAYS

Nil

## SICK AND VISITING

Bob Sheldon has now been discharged from Intensive Care and is recuperating at Sunnybrook Convalescent Hospital in North Toronto.

## HOCKEY SWEEPSTAKES

Game No. 4, November 28, 1981

\$10.00 - Ticket No. 538, Dan O'Brien, and Ticket No. 626, Heather Rankin.

\$15.00 - Ticket No. 540, Doris Douglas; and Ticket No. 628, John Moorhouse.

\$25.00 - Ticket No. 561, Bob Jessiman; and Ticket No. 649, Dave Webber.

Game No. 5, December 5, 1981

\$10.00 - Ticket No. 563, Harf Watson; and Ticket No. 693, Lauraine Duchak.

\$15.00 - Ticket No. 565, Jim Rae; and Ticket No. 695, Pat Sharp.

\$25.00 - Ticket No. 586, Frances Heron; and Ticket No. 616, G.H. Tyberg.

## CURL-A-RAMA

The following represented the Club at the Annual District VIII Bonspiel held at Banff, Alberta on November 27 through 29, 1981: Harry Mills, Boyd Slavik, Marty Larson, Al McClure, and Gordon Rennie. Gordon played with a rink from Crossroads.

Although not among the prize winners the Club representatives had nothing but praise for the organization, program, accommodation, curling, and camaraderie enjoyed by the participants during the week-end.

Great credit is due Bill Warrack and his Committee from the Calgary Gyro Club.

The curling winners follow:

A Event and the Hiram Walker Trophy - Dan Dally, Kamloops, B.C.

B Event and the J. Wair Anderson Trophy - Tom Paine, Calgary.

C Event - Tony Lodder, Grand Forks. D Event - Mike Artus, Stampede City.

E Event - Skip Anglin, Calgary.

A feature of the entertainment that deserves honorable mention was the wake-up services provided by Grand Forks' own Frank Koide and his Geisha Girls from Old Nippon. While effective they had all the gentle finesse of a combined kamikaze attack, earthquakes, and a Buddhist Temple gong beater. This group is now in its option year and at this time it is not known if its contract will be renewed for 1982.

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This was essentially a golf tour, explained Harry, organized by the Vancouver Golf and Country Club, with 90% of the participants from Vancouver. There were 160 on tour divided into two groups of 80. They flew from Seattle to Copenhagen and thence to Lisbon. The tour was not over organized and this left them with enough free time to do some travelling on their own even into Spain.

The golf courses on which they played were on a par with Canadian golf courses with the greens being well kept, <sup>but</sup> the fairways rather hard and dry because of inadequate rainfall for the past year and a half.

For transportation to and from the courses and for that matter throughout the country Mini-1000 automobiles were used. These were quite small with little  
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space for luggage but economical to operate: even though petrol was priced at \$5.00 per gallon.

Incidentally Harry's foursome won second prize.

Portugal, he related, is little changed since the Moslem invasion in the 8th century. The towns with their ancient buildings, some at least one thousand years old, show their age. The countryside is divided into small acreage farms, the paternal land being handed down from one generation to another. It is not particularly high yield agricultural land as most of the country is a semi-desert, receiving rainfall only from November through January. A predominantly Roman Catholic country, the stores close at noon Saturday. ~~On weekdays they stay open until 1.00 p.m. and then close for a siesta period until 3.00 p.m.~~

Fishing, stated our speaker, is a big industry. The boats return to the docks at 7.00 a.m., the buyers make their purchases in the morning, and the fish marketing is completed by 1.00 p.m.

Since the water is not always safe to drink wine is normally served with meals. A tour of Lisbon and Copenhagen completed the trip.

President Boyd thanked Harry on behalf of the Club members for an interesting and informative talk. He brought <sup>out</sup> the fact that we so often find the best entertainment talent among our own members.

With a near air disaster occurring recently in an aircraft approach to our Industrial Airport we might point out that this sort of happenstance is not incidental to Edmonton alone. Perhaps James A. Michener's story about the South African <sup>student</sup> pilot, Van der Merwe, who was declared ready to take his final test, will illustrate.

Air France had sent out its top pilot to see if Van der Merwe were ready to fly to Paris and London. During the test he made, according to the inspector, one of the greatest landings in aviation history. His 747 touched down at the front edge of the tarmac, and screamed to a braking stop, its front wheels three inches from the other end of the landing surface.

"Absolutely magnifique!" the Air Inspector said. "This man is ready for any airport in the world. But tell me, why does South Africa make its runways so short?"

"I can't explain it," Van der Merwe said. "And look at the crazy thing. It's almost five miles wide."

Have a merry festive season but don't fly too low.

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