

THE GYROLOG



THE GYRO CLUB OF EDMONTON
— EDMONTON — ALBERTA

November 26, 1986

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 2, 1986, Mayfair Golf and Country Club at 12.15 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

The Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Chateau Lacombe on Friday, December 5, 1986. Cocktails: 6.30 p.m. Dinner: 7.30 p.m. Entertainment and Dancing will follow the dinner. Cost: \$35.00 per person.

BIRTHDAYS

Don Millar November 20 Mark Twain November 30

"There are two times in a man's life when he should speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can." - Mark Twain -

SECOND POSTING

Barry J. WALKER
9112 - 151 Avenue, T5E 2P7
Partner, Peterson Walker
Chartered Accountants
Proposed by: Marty Larson
Seconded by: Gordon Rennie

HOCKEY SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Game No. 1, November 8, 1986

\$10.00 - Joe Bedford, Ticket No. 1526; Dan O'Brien, Ticket No. 1627.
\$15.00 - Marg Tyberg, Ticket No. 1537; Vern Sadd, Ticket No. 1638.
\$25.00 - Norma Treacy, Ticket No. 1449; Stew Graham, Ticket No. 1550.

Game No. 2, November 15, 1986

\$10.00 - Art Westworth, Ticket No. 1478; Bob Pringle, Ticket No. 1615.
~~\$15.00 - Jean MacDonald, Ticket No. 1498; Ivy Rennie, Ticket No. 1635.~~
\$25.00 - Roger Russell, Ticket No. 1518; Merrill Morstad, Ticket No. 1555.

Game No. 3, November 22, 1986

\$10.00 - Don Little, Ticket No. 1504; John Dingwell, Ticket No. 1573.
\$15.00 - Mark Agnew, Ticket No. 1505; Frances Beniuk, Ticket No. 1574
Don Coyne, Ticket No. 1651.
\$25.00 - R. Corbett, Ticket No. 1536; Gordon Shopland, Ticket No. 1605.

DISTRICT VIII BONSPIEL

Some 78 Gyros gathered at Banff, Alberta on the week-end of November 21 through 23, 1986 for the Annual District VIII Bonspiel. 18 rinks took part in the curling with entries from Calgary, Cranbrook, Crossroads, Edmonton, Grand Forks, Lethbridge, Nelson, Saskatoon, Sherwood Park, Stampede City, and Trail. Following are the results:

- A Event: Winner - Fred Gosset, Calgary; Runner-Up-Tak Okamura, Lethbridge.
B Event: Winner - Dom Maglio, Nelson; Runner-up- Jim Field, Grand Forks.
C Event: Winner - Doug Campbell, Cranbrook; Runner-up-Marty Larson, Edmonton.
~~D Event: Winner - Dr. Glen McIver, Cranbrook; Runner-up- Harry Mills, Edmonton.~~
E Event: Winner - Vic Davidson, Saskatoon; Runner-up- Ted Popilchak, Stampede City.

THIS WEEK (27)

The following guests were introduced: Barry Walker and Al Ursulak by Marty Larson and Bill Davies by John Pedden.

Governor Marty told of his attendance at the Lethbridge Gyro Club Installation Party accompanied by President Al McClure and Mort Morter and their respective Gyrettes. He stated that Lethbridge was hopeful of getting a Gyro Club established in Medicine Hat.

Bill Agnew introduced the guest speaker, Brian Sawyer, Alberta Provincial Ombudsman, who was educated in Montreal and is the holder of a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. At various times Mr. Sawyer has been employed by the

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R.C.M.P., the F.B.I., and the City of Calgary. He is a sports buff and enjoys cycling and squash. Following his retirement as the Calgary Police Chief he was appointed Ombudsman by the Provincial Government.

Ombudsman, the speaker explained, is a Swedish word applied to one who is in effect a middleman or referee between the victim and the accused when the former feels that he has been denied justice because of an interpretation of administration rules.

The concept of an ombudsman originated in Europe and then spread to Australia and New Zealand. Alberta was the first place in North America to appoint an ombudsman.

Some problems, said the speaker, were solvable and some he could not solve because they were outside his terms of reference. He was responsible not to a Minister of the Crown, nor to the Cabinet, but only to the Legislature.

In about 30% of the cases was the Government adjudged unfair, and in about 70% of the cases there were insufficient grounds to justify the complaints. Illustrating his work Mr. Sawyer told of one citizen who filed a complaint about a highway built near his home that was, he felt, too high because it blocked off the view. The engineering design made it necessary to build it up and to relocate the road would be far too costly. This appeared to be an unsolvable problem until someone suggested that the government buy the house. This proved satisfactory to both parties and also the most economical solution.

Bob Kerrison on behalf of the Club thanked the speaker and presented him with a vinyl folder of stationery.

Bert Boren won the draw.

The latest from the Right to Life Foundation:

~~To abort little Willy is silly~~

That's what war is for.

The following is dedicated to Harry Mills. He'll explain it for you.

The Metric System Inches Along

"A miss is as good as a kilometer." Or would you believe: "A gram of prevention is worth a kilogram of cure"? Many would be aghast at the thought of converting, "I love you, a bushel and a peck," to liters and hectoliters. Will angry men cry: "I'll beat you to within a centimeter of your life"? Or "Give him a millimeter and he'll take a kilometer"?

It used to be said, "A pint's a pound the world around" - that is, a pint of water weighs one pound everywhere. Today, it would be more accurate to say: "Wherever in the world I am, a cubic centimeter is a gram."

Well so much for the burning issues of the day!