



## STAMPEDE CITY GYROPER

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### **EDITOR'S RANDOM COMMENTS**

I am convinced that most political leaders have been mentally affected by COVID – what other explanation is there for invading peaceful Ukraine; killing women and children in Iran for not obeying “Morality?? Police”; and the leadership comments in Alberta are beyond comprehension.

The uniqueness of Canadians and their spirit in the face of difficulty is a source of pride for me and I am sure many others ever since the battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917. Canadians are now a strong force in the world despite our small population. On November 11 let's remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in world wars for our freedom and paved the way for our national pride.

### **PRIOR EVENTS**

#### ***Tuesday Oct. 4 – Mini-Golf (Putt) at Golfuture – YYC***

Apologies to those who thought this was a golf course event because I used the term golf above – Nay we are not that adventurous! Five fearless Gyros armed themselves with putters and did battle with a lot of alcohol induced revelry. Ken Williamson was photographer. When we finished 9 holes Dale Green held bragging rights with a respectable score of 26 (one under par). Ridge, Dale W., Paul, and Alan P. finished out of the glory. We then convened at the Shark Club with Brad. H and Alan C. for fellowship.



#### ***Saturday Oct. 15 – Bits & Bites – Dale and Karin Green***

Thank you's to the Greens were profuse at the first Bits and Bites gathering in 3 years. 14 persons enjoyed friendly banter and hockey night in Calgary. Karin gave tours of the renovations following restorations after their fire – very nice. Can't wait for the next one on March 4 at the Chalmers!

#### ***Wednesday Oct. 19 – Business Meeting – PZA Parlor***

An impressive 12 members were in attendance as we reviewed the financials for the past year ending July 31 with a surplus of \$5,761 and approved the 2022-23 budget with a projected loss of approximately \$5,000. Some of this loss is attributed to the recent D8 Convention where there was a \$4,470 deficit due to several late cancellations. Hopefully the District will assist with \$2,000 otherwise the budget will be negative \$7,000.

President Dave Smith gave a presentation on a proposal from the Calgary Club that the two Calgary Gyro clubs amalgamate. The merits of the Calgary Club were described, and the concept of sharing activities were assessed with the objective assumed to be that the synergy of the members in both clubs could lead to more members joining. It also would save volunteer time if there was less duplication of efforts such as websites, bulletins, event planning etc. Consensus of those in attendance was that before a decision is made there needs to be further consultation with active members who were not at the meeting and that a trial period of a year would involve each club sharing invitations to all activities so members could become familiar with different events and make friends with gyros in the other club. The executive will now talk with the other Club.

### **50/50 STATUS**

As a result of two meetings, we have the following Winners in the new format (2 chances to win)!

Oct. 4 – Al Clark won \$8 and Ridge Forester received a leg for the Progressive Pot (\$4)

Oct. 19 – Wes Fillo won \$12 and Brad Hinds received a leg for the Progressive Pot (\$10)

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### ***Sunday Oct. 30 – Curl-A-Rama Practice – Winter Club***

Dale Green has arranged for practice ice at the Winter Club at 3:45 pm followed by adult beverages at the club. Curlers or anyone wanting to watch let Dale know in advance [dale@dalegreen.com](mailto:dale@dalegreen.com)

#### ***Thursday Oct. 27 – Officer Installation and Founders Night – Blackfoot Inn***

**This is the Official Installation of our new Executive President Dave Smith and VP John Cobb by our New Governor Ken Williamson on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club. Please see the evite you received on Oct 20 and change the “No” you said for Oct 7 and change it to a “Yes” for Oct. 27!**

This is a 5:30 pm start with a prime rib and salmon buffet followed by entertainment.

#### ***Friday Nov. 4 – Sun. Nov. 6 – Curl-A-Rama in Canmore***

Please let Dale Green know your intentions for this great event that brings in new members. Details are:

**\$320.00 per Curler, \$230.00 per Non-Curler**

**Prices based on 2 per room - \$110.00 Single Room Supplement. Price Includes:**

- **CURLING** (minimum of 3 games – 6 ends per game)
- **2 NIGHTS HOTEL**
- **2 BREAKFASTS**
- **GYRO HOSPITALITY FRIDAY EVENING – Including food and host bar**
- **SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET**
- **SATURDAY EVENING POKER TOURNAMENT**

#### ***Tuesday November 8, 2022 – Plastic Surgery Speaker – 4<sup>th</sup> Spot at 2620 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW***

**This is a must attend event!** John Cobb has organized a great venue for a presentation by his brother Dr. Gord Wilkes. You will be surprised at what he has to say.

### ***Friday November 18, 2022 – Charity Bingo – 9202 Horton Road Legion***

The Calgary Club has invited us to their annual fund raiser for charity. Details are:

**Time:** 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Bingo will start at approx. 7:00 pm after meals are finished.

**Fee:** \$20.00 per person which includes, choice of meal and 2 bingo cards.

**Meals:** Chicken fingers/fries, Cheddar Bacon Burger/fries or One Piece Fish and Chips/fries.

**Cash Bar:** Really cheap drinks! Coffee and Tea are free.

**What to Bring:** bring a gift (that they would be pleased to receive) for prizes for the Games.

**Our Role:** John Cobb will call numbers on the last card for a basket of liquor from our club.

Please advise Bob Nixon 403-271-4727 or Garry Davies 403-720-3242, if you're planning to attend.

### ***Saturday Dec. 10 - Mixed Christmas Party - Winter Club***

Please plan to attend and confirm early so put this in your Calendar because a lot of effort goes into arranging meals, decorating and booking entertainment. A healthy turnout ensures it occurs and makes for more fun and friendship. It is expected that an Evite will be sent to each of us soon.

### **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**Brian Stein** has successfully recovered from an operation to remove cancerous growth on his "noggin".

**Linda Barrette** remains in the Mayfair care facility and although she will not have her sight return, she is recovering from a fall trauma with the objective that physiotherapy will allow her to use a walker.

**Paul Stout's son Kristopher** passed away suddenly in Edmonton in late September.

**Nigel Way** took a tumble a week ago on his tailbone so was sent to the Fanning Centre to train him to walk again. He is in great spirits and hopes to be home to Garrison Woods in a week.



### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 21	Brad Hinds	<a href="mailto:dbhinds@shaw.ca">dbhinds@shaw.ca</a>
Nov. 22	Bob Howell	<a href="mailto:pattihowell101@gmail.com">pattihowell101@gmail.com</a>

### **INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT NEWS**

The **2023 District VIII Convention** is going to be hosted by the Calgary Club at the Deerfoot Casino in July. More information to come from Chairman Ken Baker.

The **International Convention in Winnipeg** is now scheduled for August 23-27, 2023. The theme is Northern Lights and Summer Nights. They promise we will have a new experience.



## HUMOUR FOR THE FUN OF IT

*"I went to the 30th reunion of my preschool. I didn't want to go, because I've put on, like, a hundred pounds."*

**Some people eat snails.**

**They must not like fast food.**

*"We used to play spin the bottle when I was a kid. A girl would spin the bottle, and if the bottle pointed to you when it stopped, the girl could either kiss you or give you a nickel. By the time I was 14, I owned my own house."*



As the hedge fund manager gets out of his brand-new Porsche, a truck goes racing by, taking off the door. *"My Porsche! My beautiful silver Porsche is ruined!"* he screams.

A police officer on the scene shakes his head in disgust. *"I can't believe you,"* he says. *"You're so focused on your possessions that you didn't even realize your left arm was torn off when the truck hit you."*

The hedge fund manager looks down in absolute horror. *"Oh no!"* he cries. *"My Rolex!"*

