



STAMPEDE CITY GYROPER

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EDITOR'S RANDOM COMMENTS

This is a Special Edition to provide you with a report on two Gyro events held in the last two weeks. Much more interesting than Politicians promising to stop Climate Change etc. etc.

November 4-6 - Curl-A-Rama

One of the District 8 Gyro traditions is the annual Curling bonspiel that has occurred for at least 60 years. In the past 20 years the Stampede City Club has typically fielded more teams than most other clubs despite having less members. The Stampede Club members attending were always a rowdy bunch and rarely won any of the Event Trophies – if they did it was the D event trophy. This year the Club sent 3 teams to Canmore in an 8-team competition against Sherwood Park, Castlegar, Edmonton and two teams from the Calgary Club.

The picture below shows all the curlers representing this club at the end of Friday evening closing the hospitality bar. There is a vague resemblance to the “Last Supper” with the 12 disciples celebrating greater things to come.



The profile of each team was as follows:

Stampede City 1: “The Hot Shots” - John Cobb; Dale Green; Craig Pollock and Paul Kahler.

Stampede City 2: “The Executive Team” - Dave Smith; Ridge Forster; Brad Hinds; Alan Pentney.

Stampede City 3: “The Clark Family” - Al Clark; Dave Clark; Josh Green; Peter Nuss.

On Saturday 8 teams hit the ice at 10 am for a 2-hour game. Stampede 1 was victorious over Castlegar which also featured 3 Son-in-Laws of Derm Jackman! Stampede 2 lost out to Sherwood Park who usually

wins the B Event. Stampede 3 lost to Edmonton. The second round started at 2 pm with Stampede 2 and 3 facing off in a toe-to-toe nuclear battle – maybe it was more of a pillow fight with a lot of misses. Al Clark did an admirable job of skipping but Stampede 2 came away with a close win. Stampede 1 outlasted the Edmonton Team led by Lt. Governor Dunc Mills.

So, the stage was then set for Sunday morning finals with Stampede 1 in the A Event with John Hodgson's Calgary Team; Stampede 2 in the B Event against Larry Fenton's Calgary Team; and The Clark Family in the D Event against Castlegar.

Saturday evening relaxation included fun activities and an exceptional catered meal of carved beef, roast chicken, baked potato, and lots of other good stuff including my favourite – apple crumble desert. The 50/50 draw occurred with two prizes of \$200 and the winners were Dunc Mills and Doug Campbell of Calgary. This was followed by 16 curlers becoming poker stars in a friendly game of Texas-Holdem. When the dust settled after 2 hours the A Table (No losses) winners were Ridge Forster and Alan Pentney sharing first place and Al Clark getting 3rd place. At the B Table (one loss) the winners were Peter Nuss in first and Josh Green in second. This outcome was an omen as all the winners were from the Stampede contingent.

There was no anthem or Cherrio at the rink on Sunday morning but AC/DC and CCR played over the loudspeakers throughout the games. The rink even had leather armchairs along the side and TVs to watch the pan-continental curling occurring in Calgary. Stampede 2 and 3 got serious and only allowed each of their opposition to score 1 point. Stampede 1 came out on the short end with Calgary but finishing second in the A Event is like getting the silver medal. So, for the first time in recorded history the Clark Family won a game and a trophy as D Event Champs. Also, for the first time in recorded history the Stampede City Club won the B Event trophy. The club has a lot to be proud of and most importantly had a lot of fun and enjoyed a lot of friendship.



October 27 – Officer Installation and Founders Night

Every October Clubs across North America are encouraged to recognize the organization's Founders and celebrate the organizations Principle and Ideals that include having fun events and perpetuating friendship. On October 27 the Calgary and Stampede City clubs joined together for this celebration and to install their respective executive members into office. Sixty-eight persons attended and got to know each other better before enjoying a carved beef and salmon buffet.

Newly anointed District 8 Governor, Ken Williamson of the Stampede Club had a challenge installing a full complement of Directors and Officers in both Clubs. This saw Dave Smith installed as President (second time) and John Cobb as 1st Vice-President. Garry Pattison stepped up as Treasurer again to everyone's relief. Directors included: Ridge Forster, Alan Lynas, Al Clark, and Stuart Chalmers (absent). John L'Ecuyer was installed as President of the Gyro Club of Calgary and Bruce Martin is now the 1st Vice-President.

President Dave gave an eloquent speech on the importance of friendship and how the club has a full schedule of events that the members want to share with the Calgary club members so they can explore the concept of potentially amalgamating the clubs. He then made a presentation to Nigel Way for becoming a 60^{-year} Gyro member. Nigel was very appreciative as he received a standing ovation for this achievement and also for being the only remaining Charter member of the Stampede Club. Governor Ken presented Dave Smith with a Plaque for the Club marking its 60th anniversary.

This editor gave a presentation on the founders and some history of Gyro. Challenges to membership were identified but members were encouraged to "Keep the Fun in Gyro" as now departed Ian Greig used to remind us.

MC Ken Baker then introduced a very entertaining performer "Dan the One-Man Band". As you can see by the picture here the guy could play a guitar, harmonica, gazoo, cymbals and a drum.

It was the first large event for many to come to after COVID and everyone was pleased with it.

FUTURE EVENTS

***Tuesday November 8, 2022 – Plastic Surgery
Speaker – 4th Spot at 2620 4th St. NW***

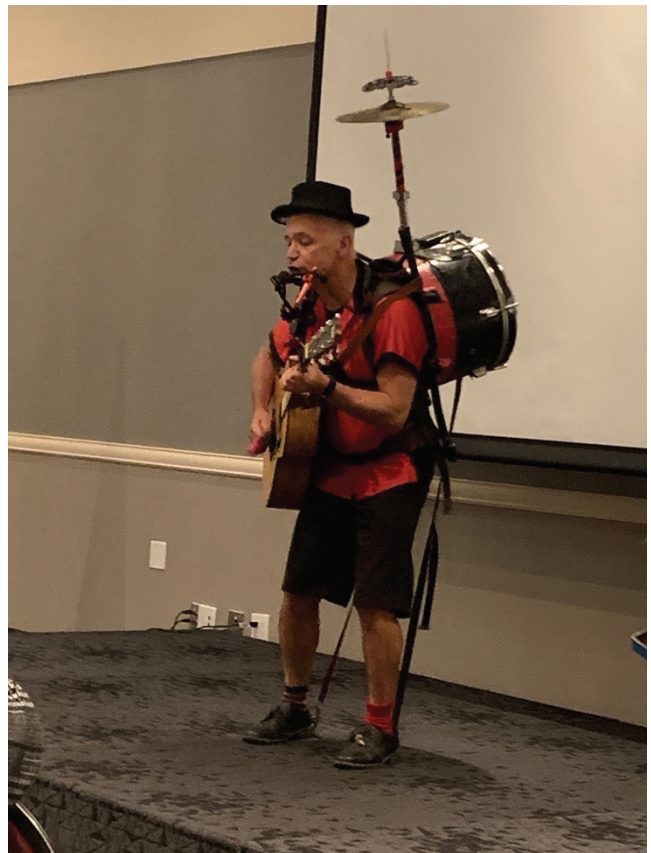
This is a must attend event! John Cobb has organized a great venue for a presentation by his brother Dr. Gord Wilkes. You will be surprised at what he has to say.

***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.

Sunday November 20, 2022 – Grey Cup Game - 4:00 pm at the Fillo's – 12245 Lake Erie Rd.

Bring your own beverage to this annual event celebrating how much better Canadian football is than the NFL.

Saturday November 26, 2022 - Roughnecks Lacrosse Game – Details to Follow by Evite

Tuesday December 6, 2022 – Mini-Olympics – Shanks – 9627 MacLeod Trail

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

Nigel Way is now home at Garrison Woods from physiotherapy at the Fanning Centre.

Dale Woodroffe reports his prostate cancer treatments have been successful with his test results being very positive.

Stuart Chalmer's Prostate surgery is slated for Nov. 26 so he is avoiding humans so as not to get Covid.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 21	Brad Hinds	dbhinds@shaw.ca
Nov. 22	Bob Howell	pattihowell1101@gmail.com

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 **2023 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

Heard in Canmore Alberta this weekend:

- This "Curling" game sucks!
- How does a guy who never played Poker win the B table - Peter?
- Since when is a hotel room also a Sauna?
- 60+ year olds throwing rocks with sticks, wearing no head protection, and not sweeping must be a candidate sport for the Olympics – or for Americas funniest videos!
- A free bar is proof that men have no real objection to any brand or type of alcoholic drink.