



## STAMPEDE CITY GYROPER

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### RANDOM COMMENTS

*Happy New Year Gyros and May our Fraternity Grow Stronger in 2023!*

This is usually a pleasant time of year when the weather is decent, travel is busy but efficient, Canada's junior hockey team is fun to watch, the Queen provides wise advice, and economic outlooks are positive - - - **What the Heck Happened!** The weather effects on all of us in December plus travel combined with a pending recession and a Team Canada brain fog was enough to drive a person to drink ..... more. Fortunately the weather has returned to normal, travel crisis is over and the Hockey team is listening to the Coaches.

I'm sure everyone connected with friends and extended family and of course our Gyro family is meeting as you will read about further. It would be nice to hear from some of our members who have been under wraps during the pandemic – drop me a line and I'll pass on the news.

### RECENT EVENTS

#### *Mini-Olympics*

There was a good turnout at Shanks on December 6 as you can see in the attached picture. Denis Couturier of the Calgary Club and Paul's friend Bill joined us for a friendly golf challenge and some pool games. Several holes in one were recorded – must have been the beer! Low golf scorers were Paul at 26, Alan P. at 25 and Dale G. at 22 - A course par! Ridge Forster gave expert 8-Ball lessons. Thank you to Alan Lynas for Hosting!



## ***Christmas Party***

The joint Calgary and Stampede Club event was a huge success on December 10 at the Winter Club with about 70 in attendance. We enjoyed Christmas cheer in a formal setting and had the opportunity to socialize with Nigel as seen here with Dale and Sarah. The dance floor was busy to tunes from Joel Spire. Check out the “Simon Says” dance moves by Carol Denny as well as Dale and Mary Ann Woodroffe – everyone had fun which is what Ian Greig would have toasted. In addition, we collected \$465 and 60 lb of food for the Food Bank!



Thank you Dale Green for making this happen.



## ***Christmas Gift Exchange***

Lots of laughs and fellowship occurred at the annual Gift Exchange. Due to weather conditions Santa was unable to attend. President Dave reports that there were 3 opportunities to swap gifts with a 12 yr. Scotch and Crown Royal being the most popular to confiscate. An amusing gift was a wine sleeping bag – you had to see it. Food service was slower than usual, but everyone had a good time.

## **50/50 STATUS**

There was another set of winners at the December 6 Meeting. Apologies for no 50/50 at the gift exchange as I did not delegate the task. John Cobb won \$10 and Brad Hinds received a leg for the Progressive Pot which is now at \$37.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### ***Tuesday January 10, 2022 – FLAMES GAME NIGHT - Grey Eagle Casino***

Dave Smith has sent an evite for this event featuring the Flames playing in St Louis. Game time is 6 PM so be at the Blaze Bar & Grill at 5:30 for the Beer Jug & 12 Wings Special for \$12.

### ***Thursday January 19 – Casbah Restaurant – 720 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW***

This interesting experience is to be confirmed in an Evite soon. In this Moroccan restaurant you will witness authentic architecture, carvings, tiles, paintings and crafts which result from twelve centuries art. The cuisine is presented in a fashion that enhances its surroundings and is considered by culinary experts to be among the top three cuisines worldwide.

## **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**Karin and Dale’s daughter Mackenzie** had a baby girl named Charlotte – both are doing well and Dale is hopefully buying the next round of drinks – maybe at the Blue Flame Kitchen.

**Mary Ann Clark** had successful hip surgery in Toronto on December 14 and made it home on the 17<sup>th</sup>.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 3 – Ridge Forster (61) [ridgef@shaw.ca](mailto:ridgef@shaw.ca)

Jan 10 – Dennis Wilson (85) [wilson.dw@shaw.ca](mailto:wilson.dw@shaw.ca)

## INTERNATIONAL & DISTRICT NEWS

**President Peter Carter** advised us in his Christmas Bulletin that **1<sup>st</sup> VP Dan Durbin** will be producing some Gyro Podcasts soon.

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 scheduled for August 23-27, 2023. The theme is Northern Lights and Summer Nights including an exciting Friday evening dining in a room underneath swimming polar bears and seals. Website: [https://2021international.gyro.org/?page\\_id=63](https://2021international.gyro.org/?page_id=63)

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport West (\$129/night booked for 23-27 on the site with a group code identified in the site as you book). Talk to me if you need help.

## HUMOUR FOR THE FUN OF IT

