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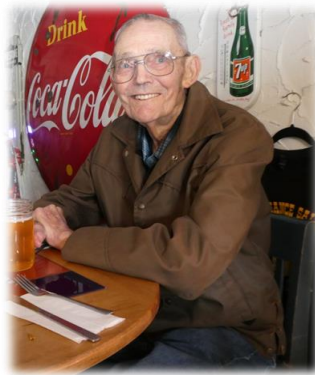
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## SEPTEMBER 2019 BULLETIN



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2019	
Wednesday, September 4	Luncheon – Carriage House Inn. Our guest speaker will be Sharon Wong, a pharmacist and associate owner of Shoppers Drug Mart in Shawnessy. She will be speaking about 'the changing role of pharmacists in Alberta'.
Thursday, September 19	Installation of Officers and Directors at the Hotel Blackfoot. See page 3 for details.



**Robert Rowan**  
**September 8, 1940 – August 18, 2019**

On Sunday, August 18, 2019, we lost Bob Rowan, one of our dearest Gyro members. He was introduced to Gyro by his late brother, Stan, just over forty-nine years ago.

Bob attended forty district conventions and a similar number of interim meetings. He loved Fairmont where he always booked his favorite room. The same was true for Curlarama where he faithfully assisted with the food service when the Stampede Club was hosting.

Bob became such a dedicated Gyro that he only missed a club meeting when he was out of town. Even then, he would try to visit another district Gyro club.

Bobby and his beloved wife, Betty, both loved to camp. They knew most of the camping spots around Calgary and also, in Northern Idaho.

Bob and Betty loved doing things together and held many Gyro social times in their garage at their home.

Bob drove everywhere proudly displaying his personalized license plate, "GYRO BOB".

Bob was a life Gyro member and a good friend to everyone. His awards included an Award of Merit, District Best Bulletin Award, and a Forty Year Membership pin. He was very proud of his Honorary Membership with the Gyro Club of Calgary.

Bob was a special fellow who never stopped smiling and contributing in his own unique ways for the betterment of Gyro.

How much his cheery presence will be missed. He will always be fondly remembered by all the Gyro and Gyrette members.

**Please Join Us for the  
99<sup>th</sup> Installation of Club Officers of  
The Gyro Club of Calgary**



**The date is Thursday, September 19, 2019  
The location is the Hotel Blackfoot,  
5940 Blackfoot Trail S.E.**

Cost will be \$45.00 per person

**We will have cocktails at 6 PM, and dinner at 7PM followed by the  
Installations of Officers and Directors for the 2019-2020 term**

President	Ken Baker
Vice President	Dave Johnson
Past President	Gary Cobb
Secretary	Bryan Sherwood
Treasurer	John Hodgson

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year Directors</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Directors</b>
Chet Mills	Paul Skinner
Lyle Nisi	Ron Carter
Doug Campbell	Bill Schultz

**Following the installation we will be entertained by Paul Isaak the  
“Funny Juggler”**



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**STAMPEDE CITY INSTALLATION INVITATION**

Date: Sunday, September 15, 2019  
Time: 10:00AM  
Location: Carriage House  
Meal: Regular Carriage House Sunday Brunch  
Cost: Regular brunch price, GST plus tip (approx.. \$ 35.00 per person)  
Bar: Carriage House cash bar

In addition to our installation there will be a special memorial presentation and slide show for Bob Rowan.

Contact for attendance will be myself. [kenwilliamson@telus.net](mailto:kenwilliamson@telus.net)

**Ken Williamson**

**DISTRICT VIII CONVENTION**

Hosted by the Stampede City Gyro Club.  
May 28 – 31, 2020  
Medicine Hat Alberta

**INTERNATIONAL and DISTRICT IV CONVENTION**

Victoria B.C. - June 9 – 14, 2020

**CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER**

Please add our newest member to your roster book:

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## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> Zig Doborzynski  
6<sup>th</sup> Doug Campbell  
8<sup>th</sup> Les Hamilton, Bob Lane  
9<sup>th</sup> Bob Nixon  
13<sup>th</sup> George Palardy  
19<sup>th</sup> Bill Watson  
26<sup>th</sup> Cliff Deis



Have a great day gentlemen !!!!!

## CLUB NEWS

### LUNCHEON – June 5, 2019

There were twenty Gyros at the luncheon meeting held at the Carriage House Inn. The meeting was chaired by President Gary Cobb. Paul Skinner gave the grace prior to our lunch.

Our Treasurer, John Hodgson, was unable to attend this luncheon. The financial reports were presented by Gary Cobb. Gary then advised that the executive for the coming year has been finalized with the exception of one first year director.

President	Ken Baker	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year Director</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director</b>
Vice-President	Dave Johnson	Doug Campbell	Paul Skinner
Past President	Gary Cobb	Lyle Nisi	Bill Schultz
Treasurer	John Hodgson	Vacant	Ron Carter
Secretary	Bryan Sherwood		

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A brief review of the District VIII Convention held in Drumheller was given by Gary Cobb. There were 116 Gyros and Gyrettes, representing nine clubs, in attendance. Derm Jackman (Castlegar Club) was installed as the new District VIII Governor. Sid Slade (Sherwood Park Club) is the new Lt. Governor and Ken Baker is the Secretary/Treasurer. Larry Fenton becomes the Past District Governor.

Gary reminded everyone of the upcoming events in July and August. There was a discussion and then a decision was made to continue on with the 'team concept' for the 2019-2020 season. The Dave Jenner team will be responsible for September, the Bruce Martin team will do October, the Ron Carter team will do November, and the Bill Schultz team will be responsible for December. The new executive will then have three options of (1) continuing with the team concept as it is, or (2) select new teams, or (3) returning to the original format.

Gary adjourned the meeting.

**GYRO MIXED GOLF TOURNAMENT – August 7, 2019**

The 2019 Gyro Mixed Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Crystal Ridge Golf Course in Okotoks for the fourth time in as many years, and this year we enjoyed perfect sunshine and 25 degree C.

This year we had 27 golfers, 9 ladies and 18 men. The theme of this year's tournament was again The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. The Good - trophies for Ladies Low Net and Low Gross and Men's Low Net and Low Gross and the skill prizes for longest drives, closest to pin and longest putts!

The Bad – a prize for the most putts, and the Ugly – a prize for the most lost balls! This year we added the 'Uglier' prize of most water balls. Of course we always honor the Most Honest Golfer!

All golfers purchased a \$5 mulligan for 2 "do-overs" if required (And even a few didn't have to use them). This contributed to some very attractive scores close to course par for the Low Net in both Ladies and Men's Low Net Scoring. ! In fact there was a three-way tie for Men's low Net - Bob Nixon, Jay Likely and Gary Stephen all had net scores of 36. Bob Nixon was declared the winner as a result of picking a number between 1 and 25. Good number choosing Bob!

Our post-golf meal was held at the Big Sky BBQ on Hwy 2A in Okotoks hosting 23 Gyros, and guests to some good old home southern BBQ – sausages, smoked

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chicken, brisket, pork ribs, beef ribs and sides along with lots of beer and wine and water to wash them down.

After dinner, with Gary Stephen announcing and Gary Cobb awarding prizes, the winners were as follows:

### THE GOOD

Closest to Pin	Hole # 3	Sharon Likely
Long Putt	Hole #5	Bernie Somerville
Ladies – Long Drive	Hole # 6	Kathy Skinner
Men – Long Drive	Hole # 9	Chet Mills

Ladies Low Gross	Betty Fenton	<b>47</b>
Ladies Low Net	Sharon Likely	<b>36</b>
Men Low Gross	John Hodgson	<b>32!!!!!! 3 under par</b>
Men Low Net	Bob Nixon	<b>36</b>

### THE BAD

Kathy Skinner offset her long drive with a 22 putt tally – but there were at least 4 others around this total – shocking. Please, use the prize of practice balls wisely.

### THE UGLY

Cathy Atkinson, guest of the Skinners', lost 4 balls so we have a winner – yes there were 3 others tied with 3 lost balls. Please use the prize of practice balls wisely.

### UGLIER

Martin Harvey, guest of the Skinners', was the king of the ponds with 4 water balls and won the floater ball prize to ensure that doesn't happen again – 3 others had 3 water balls including yours truly.

**MOST HONEST GOLFER** - Diane, Larry Sandul's friend won the award of a golf grip....so she could get a grip on those errant shots.



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Crystal Ridge again assisted me with setting up the skill prize holes on the course so, a big thanks to Alberta and staff. Also, thanks goes to the Big Sky BBQ for setting us up despite their busy bike night – great BBQ and very efficient service.

Thanks to all those who participated and especially those Gyros who brought out guests to make this event a smashing success. Thanks also to John Hodgson and Laura Young for calculating the winners, and Ken Baker for pix of the proceedings. Thanks to Bill Watson for getting Canyon Creek Toyota to donate some of the prizes. That was much appreciated.

I truly hope you all enjoyed the event and I look forward to seeing you next year.

**Gary Stephen**

**Annual Gyro BBQ – July 28, 2019**

Our annual BBQ attracted 80 attendees (including 20 guests, some of whom may be future Gyros) to what has become the premiere event for the summer season.

The BBQ was held at Paul and Kathy Skinners' Meadowlands Stables, situated above the Red Deer Lake, just south of Calgary.

Weather for the event was ideal at 23 degrees with a light breeze, interrupted only briefly by a very sudden strong whirl-wind (mini-tornado) which surgically removed only one table cloth, last seen above Meadowlands at an altitude of several hundred feet.

The BBQ was hailed as a great success with everyone enthralled by a stunning Liberty horse demonstration. Tracey Skinner, our hosts' daughter, and her horse Molly, showed in fine fashion the true connection between rider and horse with Molly responding to Tracey's body language commands.

The Bocce Ball round-robin tourney was enjoyed by many Gyros, Gyrettes and guests and ably orchestrated by Donna Lee Keckeisen. The finals were held right after the BBQ dinner with the majority of people as spectators.

The winning team of Cecilia Doborzynski, Bill Schultz and guests, Rennie and Cathy Atkinson took home a bottle of champagne each. Runners up were Jodi and Bill Watson and their guests Dave and Gloria Broughton.



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Dinner was held in a unique setting – the hay barn was cleared to accommodate the 80 attendees who were treated to a fine barbequed steak. Bruce Martin and Zig Doborzynski cooked the steaks, prepared by Gary Stephen

and Bernie Somerville, to perfection. Kathy Skinner, Betty Fenton and Ann Baker prepared the accompanying salads, baked potatoes and beans.

All-in-all, this year's summer BBQ will be a hard act to follow and is sure to present a big challenge to next year's team.

Special mention goes to Larry Fenton's team for a tremendous feat of organization. Admission greeters were Ron Robinson and Lynda Montgomery, parking supervisors were Cliff Deis and Ken Friesen. Also, a special thanks to Ken Baker for his contributions.

Check out the fabulous photo gallery on the Gyro Club's website ([www.calgarygyroclub.com](http://www.calgarygyroclub.com))

**Larry Fenton and Paul Skinner**

## **ANNUAL GYRO CORN BOIL and LAWN BOWLING – August 22, 2019**

This year the Baker Team changed the "Cob & Dog" a little bit! The emphasis was on lawn bowling followed by a meal of corn cobs, pulled pork, buns, and coleslaw salad.

The weather forecast didn't look good but forty-six (35 Gyros and Gyrettes and 9 guests) did attend. The weather just got better and better. The skies cleared, the sun shone, the temperature was perfect ... probably, the best day of the week !!!!

Members of the Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Association schooled us on the basics of Lawn Bowling. Some of us were quick learners and others of us were not, but we all had fun and that is what Gyro is about. Fun!

The Baker team (Schultzs, Jepsens, Likelys, Zias, Doupes and the Bakers) organized the event and had a good time working together.

**Ken Baker**

## A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

**Why seniors become confused !!!!!**



### Riddle for seniors...

Here is the situation:

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed.  
On your right side is a sharp drop-off.  
On your left side is an elephant travelling at the same speed as you.  
Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it.  
Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo.  
What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

See answer on page 12.

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Patton staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Paddy. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Kathleen.

He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught

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himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and

made the landing especially painful. Managing not to yell, Patton sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place where he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning, Patton woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room. She said, 'You were drunk again last night, weren't you?' Patton said, 'Why would you say such a mean thing?'

'Well,' Kathleen said, 'it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly ..... it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror.'

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An elderly couple are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember ..

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

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'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down' she says.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast?'

**Answer to riddle for seniors.**

Get off the merry-go-round and go home; you've had enough excitement for one day!

**Bryan Sherwood – Editor**



**KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO**