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Gyrodeo



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February 2019 BULLETIN

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2019	
Wednesday, Feb 6	Luncheon – Carriage House Inn. The speakers will be representatives from the Calgary Mosquito Society. The presentation will be about vintage planes from World War II.
Thursday, Feb 21	Fun Night. See page two for details.

As Andrea and I will be away until early March, Ken Baker graciously volunteered to look after the March issue of the Gyrodeo. If you have any material you would like included in the March issue, please forward your input to Ken.

Thank you. Bryan

February Fun Night



**Chet, Barb, Ken & Ann invite Gyros to the Mills'
house for**

FUN, DRINKS, FOOD & GAMES



February 21, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

Cost: \$15.00 single / \$30.00 couple

Directions to 109 Sunset Way S.E.

**Turn left on Sunvalley Blvd from Macleod Trail,
Right at Sunmills Drive (Husky gas station),
Turn left 2nd Sunset Way (4th left after school),
109 Sunset Way (6th house on the right).**



CHANGES TO THE CLUB ROSTER

Merle Ogden passed away on December 24th. Please delete her name which you will find under Honorary Associates.

Frances MacMahon passed away on January 14, 2019. Please delete her name which you will find under Honorary Associates.

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

2nd Ken Baker

15th Bernie Somerville

Have a great day gentlemen !!!!!

DISTRICT V111 Convention

May 23 to 26, 2019 – Drumheller, Alberta – Hosted by the Edmonton Gyro Club.
See the November 2018 issue of the Gyrodeo for Registration forms etc.....

INTERNATIONAL and DISTRICT IX CONVENTION



June 2 to June 6, 2019
Reno Nevada

CLUB NEWS

LUNCHEON – January 7, 2019

Our club's first luncheon meeting for 2019 was held at the Carriage House Inn on Monday, January 7. The meeting was attended by 31 club members, 2 members of the Victoria club and 3 other guests, including the guest speaker. **Gary Stephen** and **Denis Couturier** manned the registration table providing welcoming words to arrivals and collecting the admission fee.

President **Gary Cobb** proceeded with brief opening remarks including Happy New Year wishes. He noted that for 2019 the lunch will consist of two courses (down from three) in order to keep the cost at \$25 per person. He explained that the club's executive had voted to retain the salad course and eliminate dessert (undoubtedly the executive vote was based on the members' nutritional needs and waistlines). **Les Hamilton** gave the blessing and a tasty chicken lunch ensued.

Following the meal, **John Hodgson** introduced the guest speaker, **Roy Beavers**. Roy is a native Calgarian and is now enjoying retirement after his career as a professional landman in the oil and gas industry. Roy and his wife, Jan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2018. They enjoy golf, playing "kitchen bridge" and are part of an international travel group. In addition to golf, Roy's hobbies include ten pin bowling and goal-tending (raises a question regarding his sanity) in a recreational seniors' hockey league. He is also a longtime Calgary Stampeder season's ticket holder and participates in pre-game tailgate barbecues with a group that includes **John Hodgson**, **Bill Schultz**, **Dave Jenner**, and occasionally, **Garry Davies**.

Beavers then entertained the meeting with a comedic routine that was both politically incorrect and irreverent, but produced much laughter in the room. None of Beavers' material has been reproduced in this space as **Bulletin Editor Bryan Sherwood** advises that such material would never be approved by the Gyrodeo censorship board.

Bob Ulrich thanked Roy Beavers for his comedy routine and presented him with a thank you gift. **Gary Cobb** then adjourned the meeting.

John Hodgson

LUNCHEON – January 23, 2019

Nineteen Gyros and two guests braved snowy and cold weather conditions to attend our club's luncheon meeting at the Carriage House Inn on Wednesday, January 23. President **Gary Cobb** opened the meeting recognizing the guest speaker, **Ian Allison**, and then Garry introduced his own guest, **Ron Pennoyer**. The grace was then delivered by **John Hodgson**, following which everyone enjoyed a mixed greens salad, freshly baked rolls and a hearty main course consisting of chicken cordon blue (breaded chicken breast stuffed with ham and cheese), small roasted potatoes and mixed vegetables.

While attendees sipped their tea or coffee, **Doug Campbell** introduced **Ian Allison** whose presentation topic was Cavalry FC, Spruce Meadows' fledgling professional football (soccer) team in the new Canadian Premier League. Ian is a native Calgarian. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta and also holds diplomas from SAIT and the Rotman School of Business. Ian is familiar to many as the face and voice of Spruce Meadows where he holds the position of Sr. Vice President of Sport and Media Services. His association with Spruce Meadows has spanned approximately 40 years. He has now taken on an additional responsibility as President and COO of Cavalry FC.

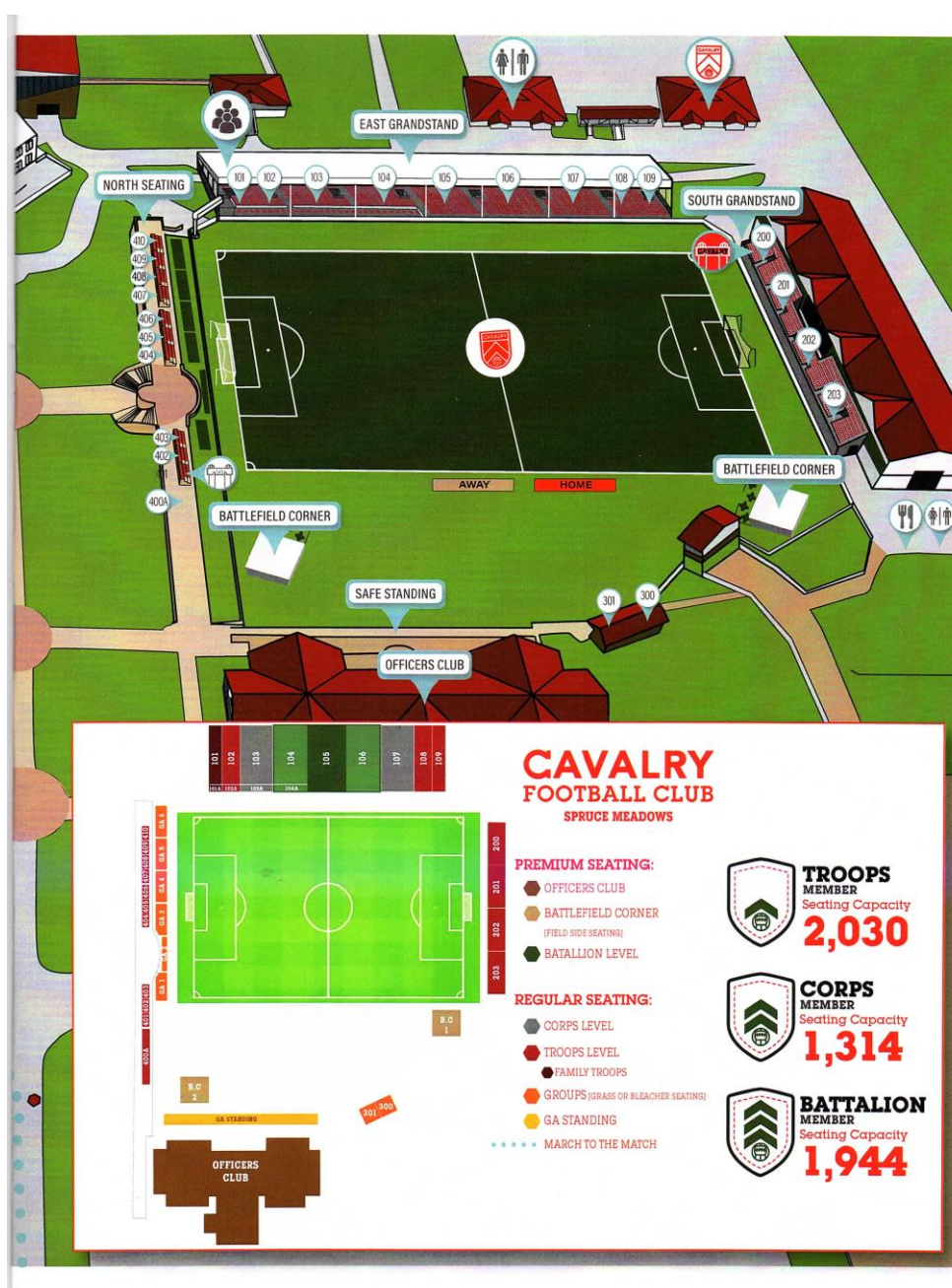


Ian Allison

Ian began his presentation with brief background information on Spruce Meadows. About 50 years ago the young Southern sisters, Nancy and Linda, displayed a love of horses and a talent for riding. However, facilities for training and competition were lacking. This inspired their parents, Ron and Marg, to pursue the vision of Spruce Meadows which over the years has become one of the premier equestrian show jumping venues in the world.

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Similar to the initial impetus behind Spruce Meadows, the Canadian Premier League (CPL) has been spawned as a result of the limited opportunities in Canada for young soccer players who aspire to a professional career in the game. The new Canadian league, with a focus to improve national soccer talent, requires that teams have a minimum of seven Canadian born players on their rosters. For its inaugural 2019 season, the league will have seven teams located from Halifax to Victoria, including a team in Edmonton. Another version of the "Battle of Alberta" looms. In 2020 the league is expected to grow to ten teams and to sixteen teams by 2026.



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Ian Allison explained that Linda Southern had become aware of the CPL through a business relationship. Further investigation revealed that the league had a sound governance model and a credible ownership group. The available land at Spruce Meadows and infrastructure in place helped to support the financial viability of a team. In addition, the soccer games can be accommodated within Spruce Meadows' schedule of equestrian and other events. It was full charge ahead for Cavalry FC. The Meadows on the Green, adjacent to the International Ring, will be transformed into a grass covered soccer pitch. A grandstand is being erected which, together with other seating, will accommodate 6,000 spectators. Tommy Wheeldon Jr. of Calgary Foothills soccer fame has been hired as the team's coach and manager. He is close to completing player recruitment with individual salaries ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 in compliance with the CPL's salary cap rules. All should be ready for Cavalry FC's first home game in early May. Time to marshal the troops and mount a charge!

Doug Campbell thanked Ian Allison for his informative talk and presented him with a gift from the Club. President **Gary Cobb** had a number of announcements regarding the timing and content of upcoming events. He then adjourned the meeting.

John Hodgson

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR.....

An Irish priest, named Father O'Malley, was transferred to St Ann's Catholic Church in Texas.

He rose from his bed one morning and he thought to himself that it was a fine spring day in his new west Texas mission parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed that there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station. The conversation went like this:

"Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?"

"And the best of the day te yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Ann 's Catholic Church. There's a jackass lying dead in me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple o' yer lads to take care of the matter?"

Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit and recognizing the foreign accent, thought he would have a little fun with the good father, so he replied, "Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!"

There was dead silence on the line for a long moment. Then Father O'Malley replied, "Aye,'tis certainly true, but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin first, which is the reason for me call."

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A guy is 80 years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, 'Pick me up.' He looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, " Pick me up." He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.

The man said, "Are you talking to me?"

The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up, then kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous, because I will be your bride!"

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully and placed it in his shirt pocket. The frog said, "What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said, kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride."

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, "Nah. At my age, I'd rather have a talking frog." With age comes wisdom.

MALE SENSITIVITY TRAINING

The room was full of pregnant women and their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

"Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information.

After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Brings a tear to your eye doesn't it? This kind of sensitivity just can't be taught.

WATCHING TV

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust!" And that's when the fight started !!!

Bryan Sherwood – Editor



KEEP THE FUN IN GYRO