



# GYROLIFE



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**March 2025**

**In Calgary since 1921**



Two Irishmen, Sean O'Brien and Liam Murphy, were walking out of a funeral. Sean turns to Liam and says, 'It was a beautiful ceremony, wasn't it?!'

'It was', replied the Liam. 'Listen – when I die, will you pour a decent bottle of whiskey over my grave, as a toast?'

'I will', says the Sean. 'But would you mind if I run it through my kidneys first?'

## On the Calendar this Month

**O**n March 11th, the John L'Ecyer team is hosting our Annual Cribbage tournament at the Royal Canadian Legion on Horton Road. This year, we've thrown open the doors to the Stampede Club and non-gyro friends alike—let's get everyone in on the fun!

This is your chance to clinch the **highly coveted Gyro Cribbage trophy** and secure bragging rights for an entire year. Your name immortalized on the trophy for all to see—imagine the glory!

So, dust off your cribbage boards, polish those pegs, and get ready to show off your card skills. Remember, you've already received your Evite, so if you haven't RSVP'd yet, what are you waiting for? Please reply ASAP to secure your spot in this legendary tournament.

Let the cribbage battles begin!

**Y**ou won't want to miss this one! On March 26th, the John L'Ecyer team is hosting a mixed luncheon at the Hotel Blackfoot. This will be a fun event for all, a true **BATTLE OF THE SEXES**.

John's team is staying tight-lipped about the details. I'm speculating here, but maybe there will be a dance-off, maybe a cooking showdown, and/or possibly a game of charades with a twist or maybe something else. Intrigued? You should be, I know I am. Mark your calendars, grab your sense of humor, and get ready for some laugh-out-loud fun with your friends. Stay tuned...it's going to be a blast!

Watch for your Evite and please respond early with your YES or Regrets.

If you haven't yet done the tour..Do it!

# BMO Centre Expansion



On Saturday February 8, 10 Gyros were able to join a group for a guided tour of the recently opened BMO Centre expansion. Impressive to say the least!

The venue had previously undergone two major expansions since its opening, in 2000 and again in 2009. Prior to this expansion, it consisted of 285,000 square feet of rentable exhibition halls, meeting rooms and a ballroom.

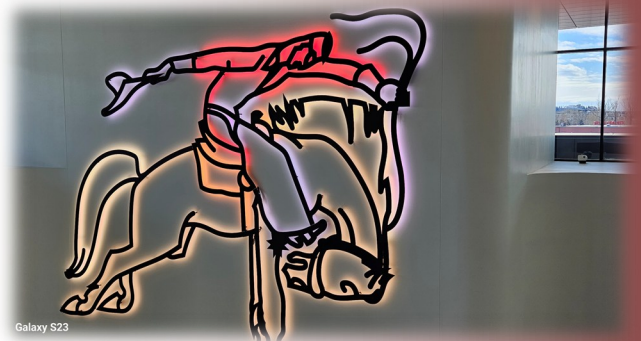
With the 565,000 square foot expansion now complete, the BMO Centre stands as Western Canada's largest convention centre. It boasts over 1,000,000 square feet of total space. The three level building features more than 100,000 square feet of new exhibition space, 38 state-of-the-art meeting rooms, two expansive ballrooms totaling 70,000 square feet, and a 100,000 square foot outdoor plaza as a year-round gathering space.

Some of the many interesting features of the expansion include:

- 1) The Exchange: a central gathering space with Canada's largest indoor fireplace, designed to evoke a feeling of a campfire,
- 2) Champions ballroom: a column free ballroom inspired by barnwood that can seat 3000,
- 3) Percheron ballroom: a ballroom named after draft horses that are part of the

history of agriculture,

- 4) Neon cowboy: a life-size replica of the original neon cowboy mural that was on the outside of the old Stampede corral,
- 5) Public art: more than 80 pieces of art including the spirit of the water sculpture.



The Neon Cowboy, World's Largest indoor Fireplace in the "Exchange" and the entrance to the Brand Room, below is an example of the Public Art in the BMO Centre



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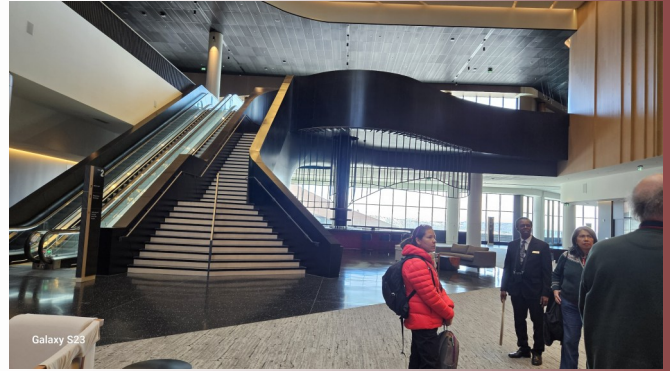


The expansion of the BMO Centre took more than three years to complete and apparently was completed ON TIME AND ON BUDGET, not something that happens very often...think Trans Mountain Expansion, and proposed Green Line LRT project to name but two.

I am sure those of us that were able to join the tour are happy we did. No doubt the venue is world class and something all Calgarians can be proud of.

After the tour, our group headed over the Melrose for lunch and beverages.

All in all, it was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday afternoon.



*A view of the Grand Stair case from the "Exchange" gathering area*



*More ARTWORK*



*Listening to our Tour Guide*



*Riding a very long escalator*

Pictures by, Ken Baker, Paul Skinner, and Denis Couturier

## **A little Irish Humour**

**T**wo men were sitting next to each other at Murphy's pub in London. After a while, one bloke looks at the other and says, "I can't help but think from listening to you that you are from Ireland."

The other bloke responds proudly, "Yes, that I am."

The first one says, "So am I! And whereabout from Ireland might you be from?"

The other bloke answers, "I'm from Dublin, I am."

The first one responds, "So am I, mother Mary and begorra! And what street did you live on in Dublin?"

The other bloke says, "A lovely little area it was, I lived on McCleary Street in the old central part of town."

The first one says, "Faith and it's a small world, so did I, so did I! And to what school would you have been going?"

The other bloke answers, "Well now, I went to Saint Mary's of course."

The first one gets really excited and says, "And so did I! Tell me, what year did you graduate?"

The other bloke answers, "Well now, let's see, I believe I graduated in 1964."

The first one exclaims, "The good Lord must be smiling down upon us! I can hardly believe our good luck, winding up in the same place tonight. Can you believe it? I graduated from St. Mary's in 1964 myself!"

About this time, Vicky walks up to the bar, sits down, and orders a drink. Brian, the barman, walks over to Vicky shaking his head and mutters, "It's going to be a long night tonight."



Vicky asks, "Why do you say that, Brian?"

Brian replies, "The Murphy twins are drunk again."





← No member of the Calgary Gyro Club will light candles in March. Manufacturers of candles have laid off staff as there seems to be little demand for candles this month.

# Golf at Earl Grey



this summer? Time will tell. Stay tuned .....

The event on February 27 was an enjoyable blend of good food, great company, and a shared love for golf. Whether practicing their game or simply watching and relaxing with a beer in one hand and a burger in the other, it was a great day to get together with friends.

**O**n February 27, Gyro golf enthusiasts gathered at the Earl Grey Golf club to groove their swings for the upcoming golf season without worrying about the weather. The state-of-the-art simulator offered realistic courses and feedback.

Will the time spent working on the golf swing and techniques make a difference on the golf course



# International / District

The 2025 International & District VIII Gyro Conventions will be held on board the Grand Princess as it tours the Inside Passage to Alaska from June 3 to June 10. For complete details check out our club website.

In case you missed it...Please check to ensure that your name, address, and phone numbers are correct in the 2024-2025 Roster book. Let me know of any changes that may be required. So far you will need to make the following updates:

- 1) Gary Cull's email address is garycull23@gmail.com NOT .ca
- 2) Bryan Sherwood's phone number is 403-569-2168 NOT 403-569-1620

**To keep yourself informed of the upcoming events please refer often to the club calendar on our website .**

**Have you looked at "Photo Archives" found under the Gallery on our website? There are pictures of various events going back 25 years. You may be in some of them. If you have never seen them, take a look...**

Angelo Zia advises that he and Lucy are using their land line less and less. Please update your roster books to reflect their Cel numbers which are:

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| Angelo | 403-605-6481 |
| Lucy   | 403-612-2287 |

That's all for this month,  
Ken Baker, Bulletin Guy