



GYROLIFE



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What a summer — and it's not even over yet. We were "hopping" before, during, and after the International Convention here in Calgary, and judging by the smiles, people seemed to enjoy themselves. Right after the convention we headed to Waskasiu for our nephew's wedding (always a better event than a funeral), then on to Watrous, Regina, and the Qu'Appelle Valley for visits with family and friends. When we finally rolled back into

Calgary, Ann's sister, nephew and their crew arrived for a hockey camp, and just to keep things lively, our son and his wife flew in from Colombia. Ten people in the house — lots of food, lots of stories, and lots of noise. With all that going on, we didn't make it to the Gyro mini golf, the Dawgs game, or the mixed golf tournament. Maybe next year we'll stay home long enough to show up.

At Oasis Greens, the 4th annual Gyro Mini Golf event was held on Wednesday, July 22nd, with a record turnout of 30 "golfers". The weather was warm and sunny, and mosquitoes were kept under control with repellent.

Following the round, participants gathered at Stockman's Restaurant for lunch and awards. Bob Nixon won the men's low score with a 47, and Cathy Stephen captured the ladies' low score with

a 53. Both second place finishers (Jay Likely and Sharon Likely) were only one stroke behind.

A total of six holes in one were recorded. Dian Jenner and Ron La Fournie shared the "most honest golfer" award. We were also pleased to welcome visitors Hazel and Wayne Boyd from the Victoria Gyro Club.

By Denis Couturier and Al



Ron & Cheryl La Fournie, Annette and Doug Campbell



Bob Nixon, Angelo & Lucy Zia, Bill & Jodi Watson



View of the Course



Garry & Barb Davies, Angelo & Lucy Zia, Laurie & John Petruic.
Heather Jepsen (Thor seems to be missing)

The Okotoks Dawg's played a baseball game on August 2 at Seaman Stadium. I don't have a lot of details on this event but the pictures obtained from the website suggest that the weather cooperated and those Gyros that attended had a good time.

On behalf of those who attended thanks to the Fred Shanks team for organizing the event.



I am wondering if Thor has taken on the job of mascot as a side hustle



Fred & Dorren Shanks, Laurie & John Petruic



Donna Lee and Denis Couturier



The other day I went in for my annual physical. I was meeting this doctor for the first time, as my old doctor had retired. My new doctor asked me about my activity level.

"What do you mean?" I said.

"Well," he replied, "for example—what did you do yesterday?"

So I told him:

"Yesterday afternoon I took a five hour walk, about seven miles, through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake, pushed my way through brambles, got sand in my shoes and in my eyes, jumped three feet in the air when I nearly stepped on a snake, climbed a few rocky hills, and hacked my way through tall grass. By the end I was exhausted, dehydrated... and needed eight beers to be myself again."

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "Wow, sounds like you're one hell of an outdoorsman."

"Actually," I said, "I'm just a terrible golfer."

Gyro Mixed Golf Tourney

Fred Shanks

On August 19, our club's annual nine-hole golf tournament was held at Crystal Ridge Golf Course in Okotoks with ideal playing conditions. We welcomed 36 enthusiastic players, including 10 guests. It's good to see so many excited players again this year. Winners were:

Ladies, low gross champion Mary, Ellen Ferguson who shot a great 44. Ladies low net winner was Nancy Hibbs with a 36, great shooting Nancy.

Men's low gross went to Ken Schubert with a 39. Our returning champion men's low net went to Zig Doborzynski who shot a 36, a great day for both of our returning champions.

Closest to the pin on hole three was Zig, longest put goes to Doug Campbell, a heartfelt shout out to everyone who donated prizes, your generosity combined with contributions from the Mulligan fees made for a prize table. That was impressive as the play on the course was.

Thank you to my group, Angelo, Thor, and Zig for all the work you've done this year putting the Golf and other events together, thanks.



Winners Ken Shubert and Zig Doborzynski with Fred Shanks



Gyros
enjoying the
day at
Crystal Ridge



Pictures by Thor Jepsen

UPCOMING EVENTS

What's Happening in September

You have already received your invitation to attend our Annual General Meeting which will be held on **September 3** at the Hotel Blackfoot starting at 11am. This is our first Official

Meeting of the year and it is one that you should attend. It looks like we have a very full agenda. So far it looks like 25 of us are planning to attend. If you haven't responded yet please do. so.

in October

Get ready, Gyros — this year we're bringing together our Installation of Club Officers and Gyro Oktoberfest '26 for one big celebration! We're returning to Skinner's Meadowlands Stables, where the atmosphere is perfect for a fall afternoon of camaraderie and good cheer.

Inside our Gyro Biergarten you'll find German food, German beer and wine, Oktoberfest music, and all the gemütlichkeit you can handle.

Save the date: Saturday, October 3 at 1:00 pm. Your official invitation will arrive in early September — reply early so you don't miss out.





Gyros blowing out candles this month are

<i>Zig Doborzynski</i>	<i>September 1</i>
<i>Terry Lynch</i>	<i>September 2</i>
<i>Doug Campbell</i>	<i>September 6</i>
<i>Bob Nixon</i>	<i>September 9</i>
<i>Bill Watson</i>	<i>September 19</i>
<i>Cliff Deis</i>	<i>September 26</i>

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Lyle and Jane Nisi have moved..they now reside at 312A 81 Currie Lane SW, T3E 1J5. Email and phone number remain unchanged.

The **2027 International Gyro Convention** will be held in Nashville, Tennessee from May 24 to 28th. More details as they become available.

I **am concerned** that my wife is starting to show signs of Dementia. She has mentioned a few times lately that she can't remember what she ever saw in me.

A little Calgary history

Did you know that the Heritage Park Carousel was built eight years before Gyro was founded. Crafted in 1904 by Herschell Spillman, this wandering carousel spent years entertaining crowds in Louisville, and then Winnipeg Beach, before landing at Bowness Park in 1919 for the princely sum of \$2,000. After five decades of spinning Calgarians silly, it moved from Bowness Park to Heritage Park in 1969, got a full makeover in 1990, and now stands as one of Canada's oldest operating carousels. It even earned a national award in 2021 and a spot on a Canada Post stamp in 2022.

A true Calgary classic — still spinning, still smiling, still going strong.

That's it for this month...Ken Baker, Bulletin Guy

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