

THE STANDARD

June 26, 2020

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FOUR WAY TEST

In all things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH ?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



In the beginning:

At the appointed hour of 7.00 AM, President Brad called to order his 46th. and the very last weekly meeting, with vigor and alacrity.

After a minor tussle with technology, O Canada was heard loud and clear. Thanks to Zoom, patriotic Club members could be seen "mouthing" the anthem in perfect sync. Bravo!

Greeter Lorne Kelly welcomed our guests:

David Leslie

Shawn Lavoie, guest speaker(to be more formally introduced by Rob Mathews later.

Susan?

Sunshine Reporter Harry Kim:

Kim recited a thoughtful grace "For food...For faith...For friends...and grateful thanks to...O Lord".

Birthday and Anniversaries:

Members Birthdays:

Gregory Smyth June 27th.

Doug Kinley June 30th.

Graham Drake June 30th.

Surinder Khanna June 30th.

Spouses Birthdays:

Joan Simmins June 28th. (Post "Zoomduction" of Geoffrey this morning!)

Anniversaries:





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Davis and Diane Field June 27th.

Bill and Barbara Skinner June 29th.

Club Anniversaries:

Darryl Luhr June 30th. 2020 18 years.

Lorne Kelly July 1st. 2017 3years.

Walter Zuk July 1st. 29 years.

Peter Ruptash July 2nd. 2014 6 years.

Sunshine Story

Harry's golf story/joke, while a trifle irreverent, was in keeping with our Guest Speaker's theme:

Two golfers were about to tee off on the 11th hole, when they noticed a funeral procession passing by. One golfer stops, turns to the procession, takes off his hat and bows. "Mighty decent of you" the fellow golfer said. "Yep, had been married to her for the last 35 years" said the widowed golfer."

Rob Mathews introduced our Guest Speaker, Shawn Lavoie, General Manager of the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. Rob had done an extensive "CSIS type" research on Shawn's antecedents. And this is a sample of what he found: grew up in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, first golf job at age 13 and best career score 6 under par, professional golf and related management studies at Grant McEwan, after moving to Calgary, Club Golf Professional at Priddis, Elks and now General Manager, Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club.

Shawn Lavoie: Future of Golf.

Shawn's personal views on the subject are as follows:

1. In the pre COVID-19 environment, in the recent past, particularly in the US, the game of golf has not done well in many parts of the country. This situation has had much coverage in the News Media resulting in similar apprehension in Canada. However, most of Media coverage focused on the closing down and bankruptcies of many of the golf courses which were essentially Real Estate development.
2. In Calgary, golf participation has primarily been driven by energy economic environment. In the hay days, the club memberships, in premium establishments, were in the six figure range. Given the current conditions the membership fees range between \$45K and \$30K. This is mainly due to cancellation of corporate memberships and, generally, reduced individual disposable income. The Corona virus pandemic has not helped the situation either.
3. Post COVID lockdown things are certainly looking up. At Canyon Meadows, after the opening of the golf courses since May 4th., there has been an influx of interest and they are having difficulty handling the membership traffic. They have had many new members, particularly, a distinct uptick in family participation (spouses and children).
4. New protocol of no rakes in the sand, no ball washers, not holing out the ball into the cup etc. has



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changed the nature of the game and it is not clear whether the old rules will return and, if so, to what extent. However, one positive that has come out is that the game is now faster– 4 hours or less!

5. For the current and the next season, expectations are for an exponential growth in the number of people playing the game. Also, the focus will be on an increased family participation and fun.

6. Golf operations and economics are different in Calgary vs Edmonton. If and when the Energy sector economics improve, market value of the Calgary club membership will certainly make gains.

The future of Golf in Calgary is extremely strong.

Just as an aside, it is hopeful that the talk of closing down some City courses does not come to pass.

Following are Shawn's answers to some of the question from the floor:

1. While it certainly takes long to play a round, we are using various technological tools to shorten the time e.g. scoring/stat apps and also offer social activity outlets for the younger folk. The incidence of play among the junior and intermediate players is very high....we are having to cap tee times in some player categories.

We continue to see success in attracting new members including junior and intermediate players Calgary wide.

2. After the COVID -19 lockdown, we have recently restarted golf instruction. Golf instruction is uniquely a one-on-one training medium. However keeping social distancing protocol in mind, we are using films and videos and other creative means to provide instructions.

3. Our current Tee times are spaced between 8 and 9 minutes. We started with 10 minutes, but had to scale back due to heavy demand.

4. Shaw Classic is a centerpiece on the Calgary golf calendar and Canyon Meadows is proud to be the host Club. The event is a "double edge sword". On the one hand, very disruptive for playing members and course "fatigue" due to multitude of tournament preparations and restoration needs. On the other hand, the positives are innumerable, the key being, an opportunity Calgary fans to watch and meet Golf legends and, above all, it helps fund many deserving charities to the tune of about \$48 million.

Rob Mathews thanked Shawn and as token of our appreciation presented Shawn a certificate acknowledging that the Club has inoculated 40 children with the polio vaccine in his name.

New Member Induction:

As Membership Chair, Christine "Zoominducted" our new Club member Geoffrey Simmins. Our first such induction. A very well-choreographed ceremony.

Joan, Geoffrey's wife, joined him in the proceedings. On behalf of the Club, Vannita welcomed Geoffrey and Joan with a short musical interlude.

Geoffrey was sponsored by Mark Rowe.



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Motions:

1. From the President.

President Brad moved:

“I move that the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park support the Calgary Rotary Challenger Park with a donation of \$1,000 to support their accessible playground and programs”

Motion Seconded by Doug MacDonald.

Motion Carried.

2. Community Services.

Janet moved:

“I move that the Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park provide \$2,500 from RCCHP’s COVID-19 Fund to the Hull Services (Homes) for PPE for the 27 programs they run that focused on youth”

Motion Seconded by Darryl Luhr.

Motion Carried.

3. Vocation Services.

Jaime moved:

“I move that the Rotary Calgary of Calgary Heritage Park allocate \$1,000 towards the scholarship at SAIT and also apply for a \$2,000 district grant for the 2020-2021 Rotary Year”.

Motion Seconded by Jim Davis.

Motion Carried.

Rotary Minutes:

1. Jim Davis: Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation (CRCF) update. As at February 29th 2020, CRCF had a total assets of \$55 million and, during that period, had distributed \$2.3 million to the Calgary Clubs.

For the Rotary Year 2020-2021, Jim Fitzowich was elected Chair and Jim Davis as Vice Chair.

2. Walter Zuk: Breath Safety Alberta- N95. Walter brought to the attention of the Club members the high quality mask produced by this company. Rotary will receive a discount on the purchases. Those interested could contact the company directly or get in touch with Walter.

Happy Bucks:

1. Brad Sewall- \$10 for his 46th weekly meeting and also happy to welcome Geoffrey and Joan to the



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2. Bob Clark- \$5 for a strong leadership by Brad and members of the Executive in these difficult times and welcome to Geoffrey and Joan.
3. Graham Drake-\$5 for Geoffrey and Joan, his camping trip, birthday wishes for the “Triplets” and the great year for Brad as President.
4. Christine Mihailedes-\$5 for Geoffrey and Joan, virtual Rotary International Conference, big thank you to Brad for a wonderful Rotary year- he needs a week off!
5. Bill Hope- \$5 for Geoffrey and Joan, great piece of work Brad and for Jim Davis as Vice Chair CRCF.
6. Greg Smyth- \$10 for Geoffrey and Joan and another \$10 for Brad’s leadership and hard work during these trying times.
7. Bill Skinner- \$ 5 for Geoffrey and Joan, Brad, Christine Milhailedes coming in as Club President and all the Club members for supporting the COVID -19 initiatives.
8. Janet Balhun- \$5 for visiting the Alcove and touring the facilities. The renovations, mattresses were much appreciated and the paint job is holding up well!
9. Jim Coyle- \$10 for Geoffrey and Joan, Brad’s outstanding job and to the outgoing Board.
10. Brad Wellicome- \$5 for Geoffrey and Joan, Brad’s leadership and to the outgoing Board.
11. Geoffrey Simmins- \$5 for Pres. Brad’s leadership and effectively management of the meeting.
12. Surinder- \$5 for birthday wishes to the “Triplets”, Brad’s leadership and for Geoffrey and Joan.
13. Vannita- \$5 for Brad for being helpful and considerate and for everything he has done for the Club.
14. Linda Campbell- \$5 for Brad’s amazing job during Rotary year, birthday wishes to the “Triplets” and enjoy Canada Day.

Next Meeting July 3rd:

Speaker: Jeff Hodgson – Update on reopening and future of Heritage Park

President’s Social:

Jim Coyle advised that further information on this event will be forthcoming shortly.

Thought for the week:

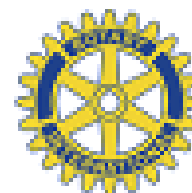
Alice Cooper:

“Mistakes are a part of the game. It’s how well you recover from them, that’s the mark of a great player”.



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Greeter	Kelly, Lorne
Grace and Sunshine report	Kim, Harry
Introduce and Thank Speaker	Matthews, Rob
Standard reporter	Khanna, Surinder



July 3, 2020

Greeter	Kinley, Doug
Grace and Sunshine report	Knox, Matt
Introduce and Thank speaker	Pyle, Jeanette
Standard Reporter	MacDonald, Doug

July 10, 2020

Greeter	Luhr, Darryl
Grace and Sunshine report	McArthur, Don
Introduce and Thank speaker	Sewall, Brad
Standard Reporter	Matthews, Rob

July 17, 2020

Greeter	Murphy, Ginny
Grace and Sunshine Report	Noble, Velma
Introduce and Thank Speaker	
Standard Reporter	Olutuyi, Ola

July 24, 2020

Greeter	Paivalainen, Aliisa
Grace and Sunshine Report	Patel, Max
Introduce and thank Speaker	
Standard Reporter	Paul, Asha

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The Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park Announcements

July 3	Jeff Hodgson—Heritage Park; Re-opening update
July 10	Dana Peers, President Calgary Stampede—Stampede 2020 and beyond
July 17	
July 24	Christine Mihailedes—New Club President's vision