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Golf to many Calgarians is a most important time of their day if the weather is right. For weather being what it is in Calgary determines much of our lives. From Shawn Lavoie we learned that golf is a deep passion for him. He emphasized that of those who golf, their families have multiple memberships in a golf club. These high family memberships seem to even strengthen the family itself. Of course this certainly adds to the economy of golfing. It is this that keeps golf courses out of the red.

Firstly golf courses need as great an amount of land as possible. In running a successful golf course you have to have control of getting as many golfers playing at a time without interfering with those ahead of them and those playing behind them on the course. It was noted that a golf course has to keep an eye on improving almost everything on its plate. This means the course itself, the buildings serving their golfers from start to finish, and the pro shop and staff.



We also learned that Calgary is a golf leader, not just in Alberta, but also in Canada. This is shown by the number of courses and golfers in our city as well as by the quality of its courses. Golf in Alberta is better than anywhere else as out of the usual 180 days of a year of Canadian playing weather, 145 days are playable in Calgary – better than elsewhere in Canada. It is an interesting fact that 1,000 golf courses closed in the USA in the immediate past few years, proving that golfing is difficult to play and too expensive.

Players are always interested in improving their play and pleasure. This means that golf clubs are always improving as are the balls used in play. We heard jokes and facts of losing golf balls and trying to find them. Taking too long searching can hold up play for those you are with and those following you, should you be looking too long for a lost ball.

Interest in golf starts at a young age and is much encouraged. Dress is often colourful and unique to the sport. It, too, can contribute to the competition of the game. A golf course is often a means to support businesses in dealing with their customers. Add friends and family to this model and you have some of the reasons for successful golf clubs. But it costs money to join a club, it costs money to "arm" oneself, to purchase the best equipment. It costs money to practice and improve your play,



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Meeting Minutes



April 17th, 2012

Scribe: Keith Hansen

President Dave Wylie called the meeting to order as the hour struck noon. Betty French led us on the piano as we sang our National Anthem and our Rotary Grace. President Dave noted that a pianist was needed next week as Betty was to be away. Guess Lou could be called upon to lead us if necessary, couldn't he?

Also, our President reminded us that he was leaving early today and would be away for a while. Then he smiled and said that he would only have four more meetings to conduct upon his return. We then set out to eat and return to table talk.

In but those few minutes, at least it seemed but a few, President Dave called up Bob Montgomery to give out monies from the hockey pool and a number smiled as they came forward. But Bob gave a few stats about the pool. There had been 41 home games, 37 of us were winners, 9 of us won more than once. Then he said $58 \text{ times } 50 = \$780$ (winners) + \$380 (for our club) with two short-outs. This scribe understands that a short-out is a tie but isn't sure about that.

Gwynneth Gourley informed us that her dad, Chuck Bury, was now home from the hospital. Isn't it nice and special to have a dad and daughter in the same Rotary Club as ours?

Bart Dailley introduced our guest and visitors ... Guests were Debbie Delve (guest of Gwynneth Gourley), Sean Lavoie (our guest speaker), Kevin McInnes and Jim Amsing (guests of Bart Dailley), Andy Tse (guest of George Kimura), Gwynn Burgess (guest of Ian Burgess) and Heather Anderson (guest of Rena St. Clair). Guests of all of us were Soann Dorn and Daniel Barnett, both from the CPGA. Sydney Richmond was here from Mexico, Phil Libin was here from the Downtown Club, Rick Istead from the Fish Creek Club, and Murray Flegel, Michael Jacharki, and Harry Pelton from the South Club. Welcome all!



Peter Bickham recognized Ron Smith for his achievement gaining his two plus Paul Harris Fellow. At this time Peter also advised that if any of us made on-line contributions to the Rotary Foundation between this past January and to the end of this Rotary year (June 30), please let him know so that our club can match your donation. This means doubling the effect of your donation.



Harold Hanna reported that his wife is going into hospital for surgery. It is this scribe's understanding that this is connected to a pacemaker problem. It was at this time it was announced that Tom Sorenson will be away for awhile. More information forthcoming later.



Bart Dailley introduced Jim Amsing and Kevin McInnes who are Police Chaplains in our city. He presented them with a cheque from our club to the organization within the city police and firefighters that gives emergency help to those caught in situations that need help. For example,

there is emergency housing available in Calgary, Edmonton, and Red Deer. And it is easily imagined that many of those they serve need immediate help. The society that does this was organized in 1947. We soon realized that policing and firefighting can be much more than putting out fires and catching those breaking the law.

We were reminded about the Presidents Dinner on May 19th. Tickets are forty dollars per person.

This scribe apologizes that his notes don't have the information on the third donation this meeting. The notes do have the information that the donations totalled \$6500 for all three. I hope you remembered what it was for.



Dave Saunders won the 50/50.

Bart introduced the Guest Speaker, Shawn Lavoie, who is GM of the Calgary Elks Golf Club and member of the Alberta PGA. He is a member of the Elks Lodge. Shawn and his wife, Erin, have a teenage son. Originally Shawn came from North Battleford, Saskatchewan. His golf experience includes playing professional golf in Alberta, he has had two holes-in-one, and got into golf because he had the same dream all kids

Photos courtesy of Ian Burgess

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Greeters

April 17th	Dawn Rennie and Bill Stemp
April 24th	Brian Kinder and Bill Stemp
May 1st	Tom Sorenson and Duncan McKillop
May 8th	Norman Myden and Jack Steen

If you are unable to GREET on your assigned day, please contact Barry Korpatnisky so he can get a replacement ... 403-278-8982



Upcoming Events



Magazine Month

April 24th

New Generations / Youth Night – evening meeting

Promote RI Convention Month

May 1st

Diamond Fernandes, Heart Consultant

May 6th - 9th

103rd Rotary International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

May 8th

Meeting at Fairview School

May 15th

Club Assembly

May 19th

President's Dinner

May 22nd

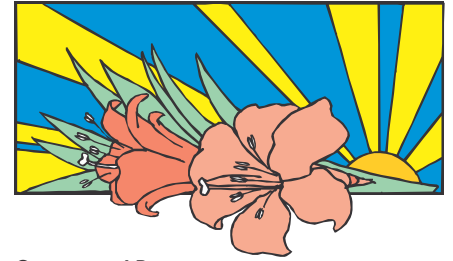
Meeting replaced by President's Night evening

May 25th - 27th

District 5360 Conference, Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre, Canmore AB

May 29th

WCS Meeting



June 19th

35th Anniversary Photo Session – make sure you attend and be part of this commemorative event!

September 14-16th

80th Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Assembly in Kalispell, Montana at the Hilton Garden Inn. The Hands Across the Border Ceremony will occur in Glacier Park.

Meeting Minutes

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have, namely "PGA tour"! He has been a golf professional for thirteen years. After his presentation, Shawn was honoured in our special Chinook Rotary way and the meeting was adjourned.

ALBERTA PGA

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and you can't leave too great a time between your next game.

Golf courses are expensive to keep up, to improve and think of new and better ways to serve their customers. So we easily saw that being a centre of business both in Alberta and in Canada, with weather to help, Calgary has become a very golf awareness centre. But part of the story is that good golf leadership is necessary and sought in the making and development of a course. Not only do golf professionals need to play golf, they need to have a place to play. There is much competition to be a good golf professional. There is a Calgary PGA, there is an Albertan PGA and a Canadian PGA. Shawn belongs and works within all three levels of these.

Then there golfing events at all three levels – many of them, in fact. There are a lot competitors as we all experience by reading the sports pages and viewing on TV. Yet with all this interest and involvement, of those playing golf as a profession, many do not have high incomes. You must win, and continue to win, and life as a competitive professional is often not long in years. It's "only the best survive" and as golf history shows, only a few last long. But golf is still a game and many seek its fortunes and enjoy its rewards. It is to be noted that golf clubs differ around the world and even within Calgary, as well as they differ in course size, course environment, and course management. It lives on and strives always to improve and serve its members and adherents.

"Fore!" ... and much thanks to our golf professional, Shawn Levoie.

Rotary Firsts – from the RI History files

Did you know that Rotary founder Paul Harris wasn't the first President of a Rotary Club?

That distinction is actually held by Harris' friend Silvester Schiele, who served as the first President of the Rotary Club of Chicago. Harris deferred his Club leadership duties until February 1907, when he was elected the third President of the Chicago Club.

Club Firsts

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary Club meeting. A second Club was formed in San Francisco in 1908, and soon after, Clubs began to pop up across North America.

On 1 August 1912, the Rotary Club of London became the first Club chartered outside of North America. The Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland, had been organized earlier, but didn't receive its charter until 1 May 1913.

Presidential Firsts

Paul Harris was elected as first President of the National Association of Rotary Clubs (which later became Rotary International) in 1910, and is the only President to have served two terms.

Other firsts: Canadian E. Leslie Pidgeon (1917-18) was the first Rotary President from outside the United States, Sydney W. Pascall (1931-32) was the first from Great Britain, and

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Maurice Duperrey (1937-38) was the first from continental Europe.

Foundation Firsts

In 1929, The Rotary Foundation gave its first gift, US\$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children (later Easter Seals), which was founded in 1921 by Rotarian Edgar F. Allen, of the Rotary Club of Elyria, Ohio, USA.

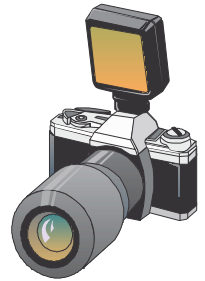
Paul Harris Fellow recognition was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions, and to encourage substantial ones, to what was then the Foundation's only program: Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, the recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

The first four Rotarians: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, sometime between 1905 and 1912 first general secretary. *(Photo on the right)*



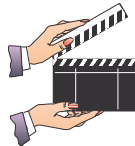
35th Anniversary Photographs

The Club will be arranging to take a photograph of as many of our members as we can bring together in honour of our 35th anniversary. Linda and Cam Colclough have agreed to see that it gets done in a professional manner. The photographs will be offered for sale to our members.



We need to maximize attendance ! Be there or be square !?!

Arrangement will be made for the photograph to be taken on a regular meeting day, for which the actual program will be the taking of the picture. **We have chosen June 19th to be the day.**



Mark your calendars and ensure you attend the meeting on the 19th!

Thank you!

Paul Gaudet

Correction Notice

An error occurred in the latest edition of the Arch. This photo was erroneously stated to be of Bev Tonkinson, but is a photo of Ghislaine Cleiren, about to be proposed as a new member.

My apologies for any confusion ... it was a case of my misunderstanding Ian's notes about the photo!



Anne



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