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## Century Downs Racetrack and Casino

**Paul Ryneveld, General Manager**

Paul Ryneveld, our speaker, was introduced by Bart Dailley, in his usual flamboyant style.

Paul is the General Manager of the race track with a degree in the Racetrack Industry Program from University of Arizona, and an MBA from the University of Washington. He has had total of 28 years in the horse racing and gaming industry, including 5 years as Director of Racing Operations for Hastings Racecourse in Vancouver. He joined Century Casinos in March 2013.



The history of Century Downs goes back to 2002 when the United Horsemen of Alberta and Ivanhoe Cambridge joined forces and sunk their money into the site east of Airdrie. All sorts of problems arose — the city of Calgary wouldn't provide water, the site had to be moved, the United Horsemen of Alberta went into receivership, but as they held the gaming licence, and by joining up with Century Downs, things were able to go ahead. 2008 was a bad year and things had to be put on hold. They also had to build 2 mandatory drainage ponds.

Now the Casino and Restaurant have been built and will seat 150 people. There are bleachers that will hold up to 900 people. The track is 5.5 furlongs and at the moment there is only standard bred horse racing which is harness racing — these horses can pace at 50Kg an hour — but by next year thoroughbred racing will be started.

There is 1 barn for the horses at the moment that will hold 150, and a second barn is under construction that will hold another 220 horses. They are also building a 130 room hotel which will open in 2018.

Paul also discussed the gaming in the industry and how it operates. At the end, questions were asked and answered.



Next year I hope that a group of Rotarians from this club will have a day out at the races!



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**August 4th, 2015**

All members and guests were greeted with a warm hand shake and pleasant words by Bart Dailley and John Barratt.

President Dale Perret opened our meeting at 12:15 and we all embarrassed ourselves by singing O Canada and Grace very badly and out of tune. Perhaps someone should find out what note we need to use on the piano and play it for us to get us started.

John Barratt introduced our 3 guests - Bob Wiens and Terry McDough from the South Club and our guest speaker Paul Ryneveld.



Harry Nazarchuk was not present so we don't know if any of our absent members were well or not.

Paul Gaudet thanked all the drivers who drove the "people movers" at Spruce Meadows over the long weekend for the Alberta Kennel Club. My own observation was that some of the dog owners look remarkably like their pets!

He also mentioned that the "International" horse event at Spruce Meadows will be from SEPTEMBER 9 - 13 which is one day longer than usual. Because of that we will have MORE shifts to fill. The sign-up papers are being circulated at all the meetings and you can also sign up on line ..... so please do YOUR bit for the club and that will mean the "OLD" faithfuls will have an easier time. By the way, waving a red flag and telling people where to go is great fun!

Bob Montgomery won the 50% off golfing at McKenzie Meadows offered by Jim Thompson for a mere \$5! (At least I think that's right as my notes are a bit confusing.)



**Scribe: Sydney Richmond**

Paul Gaudet was SAA and as he had read the Rotary Magazine (who else did that?) he used the Heritage Park for his quiz. Some of us knew the answers but I think most of us failed and as a result the kitty was filled.



Good news/bad news:

- A report from Nigeria said that Polio has been eradicated there thanks to help from Rotary International.
- Some donations from AKC visitors were given, plus a beer but that was consumed by the recipient when he got home.

The 50/50 raffle was not won by Paul this week, but by Pat Hutchison who kindly donated it to the pot.

John Barratt announced all the birthdays, wedding anniversaries — all more than 35 years, and Rotary anniversaries. We again attempted to sing Happy Birthday.



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Golf Trivia:

Duffer means "dull, stupid person" in Scottish.  
Al Capone once accidentally shot himself in the foot while golfing.



**Chinook Rotary Annual Dues  
\$250 due July 1st**

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so asap.  
You can easily do so by cash, cheque or Visa.  
Pay Connie at the front desk, or contact Al Holt.

## Membership and New Club Development Month

August 11th	Peter Fleck, Philatelist
August 18th	Todd Standing, Yeti Hunter
August 25th	Lynnell Ible — Making Sense of People

## Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 1st	Nature Park
September 8th	District Governor Martin Harvey's visit
September 9th - 13th	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Masters
September 15th	Classification Talk — Bill Stemp
September 22nd	Vicki McLaughlin — The Cinderella Project
September 29th	Drs Margaret Korble and Lesley Lussier — Hearing Loss

## Economic and Community Development Month

October TBA	Grillin' and Servin' — Kathy's Run, Glenmore, 11am-2pm
October 6th	Alan McMillan — Rotary Employment Partnership
October 13th	Anam Kazim, Calgary Glenmore MLA — SW Ring Road
October 20th	Karla Tejeda-Inglesias, 2014/15 Outbound Exchange Student to Germany
October 27th	Interact
	Call for nominations for President Elect, Vice President and 3 Directors for 2016/17

## Rotary Foundation Month

November 4th	Ann Stang — Alberta Family History Society
November 10th	Nominating Committee report
November 13th - 15th	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market
November 20th - 22nd	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market
November 24th	Annual Meeting and Elections
November 27th - 29th	Parking @ Spruce Meadows for The Christmas Market

## Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

December 8th	Seniors Luncheon @ the Carriage House
December 15th	Club Christmas Dinner @ the Carriage House



# History of the Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world". In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

## GROWTH OF THE FOUNDATION

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

## EVOLUTION OF FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

2013: New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.



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## Golf Truism

- There are two things you can learn by stopping your back-swing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.

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