

Calgary Hitmen & Calgary Roughnecks

Mike Moore, Vice President

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George introduced our guest speaker, Mike Moore, Vice President of both the WHL's Calgary Hitmen and the Calgary Roughnecks.

Mike has spent 25 years in the Western Hockey League, 11 with the Calgary Hitmen. During these years he has worked with the Hitmen, the Kamloops Blazers and the Medicine Hat Tigers. He rejoined the Hitmen in the 2008-09 season as the Director of Business Operations. He added the title of Assistant General Manager in 2012, and became the GM and VP of Business Operations in 2013. He was promoted to VP and Alternate Governor in June 2017.



Mike started off by discussing the current situation with the Hitmen. They played at the Tsuut'ina Nation Casino arena last year which was very difficult for the team, and this year they just lost the opportunity to participate in this year's playoffs. They had a lot of growing pains this year, however they are a young team and their future looks bright. They will have good draft picks this year, and will have a full year under their belt.



The Hitmen have a great history and went through an 18 year period during which they made the playoffs each year. Many Hitmen players have gone on to make the NHL, and Mike spoke about a number of them:

- Ryan Getzlaf — After a stellar 215-point WHL career, Getzlaf went on to tally 625 points in 651 games in the NHL, all with the Anaheim Ducks

organization. The Hitmen never missed the playoffs with Getzlaf on the roster. The Ducks' all-time playoff scoring leader, Getzlaf won the Stanley Cup with the team in 2007.

- Andrew Ladd — Tallied 30 goals, 45 assists and 119 penalty minutes for the Hitmen during the 2003-2004 WHL campaign before moving on to a lengthy NHL career. Helped lift the Atlanta Thrashers/Winnipeg Jets franchise to their first playoff berth in 2015, scoring a career-high 62 points in 81 games.

- Martin Jones — An un-drafted NHL goaltender, Jones slowly worked his way up the Los Angeles Kings depth chart, as he clawed from the American Hockey League to backing up two-time Stanley Cup Champion keeper Jonathan Quick. After attending training camp with the Kings in 2008, Jones inked an entry-level deal with the team before being shipped back down to the Hitmen in the WHL, where he was a dominant force between the pipes. Following solid rookie and sophomore campaigns with the Hitmen, Jones established himself as one of the WHL's elite netminders when he posted a brilliant record of 45-5-4 coupled with a 2.08 goals-against-average and seven shutouts.

- Victor Rask — Rask played his first full professional season in 2014 with the Hurricanes AHL-affiliate Charlotte Checkers, scoring 16 goals and 23 assists in 76 games. He would later make his NHL debut that season, finishing the year in The Show.

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President George called our meeting to order at 12:15, welcoming all participants. We joined in for the singing of "O Canada".

After lunch, George recalled our meeting to order at 12:30. He thanked Stephen and Anne for the wonderful job they do in creating and distributing our e-Arch, thereby allowing our membership to be aware of what is happening in our Club. He thanked Paul Hussey for all his work in organizing our "house committee" which sees that our meetings are set up properly. He also thanked today's greeters, Ron May and Neil Beatty, and also Dave Wylie for his technical assistance. He noted that Paul would be our Scribe for today's meeting, and encouraged our members to join Paul in taking a turn at scribing for a month.

Bob Montgomery introduced our guests: Mike Moore, our guest speaker, his communications assistant, Laura Barker, and a visiting member from the Rotary Club of Calgary Stampede. We sang them our traditional "Welcome to Rotary" verse and it was well received.

George offered condolences from our membership to Harry Nazarchuk on the recent passing of his wife Verna.

Chase the Ace

Rob introduced our "Chase the Ace" segment by advising that we have a full deck of cards (as Al won our big Pot at our last meeting) and that the daily winner will be receiving \$96. The winning ticket from our last meeting was Dave Wylie, so Rob asked Dave to pick a card (he picked the 9 of Clubs). Then we proceeded to pick today's winner, Bruce Bohnet. As Bruce is out of town, Rob will contact him so he can try to pick the Ace of Spades and win the pot.



Sunshine Report

George asked for any information on the health of our members and none were offered. This is a case where 'no news' can be considered 'good news'.

Good News/Bad News

Rob told us about his recent participation in the Alberta 5 Pin Bowling Championship held in Edmonton. There were representatives from 5 parts of Alberta (Calgary, Edmonton, North, Central and South) and competition in 3 categories: Mens, Ladies and Mixed. Rob was a member of Calgary's mixed team and at the end of many games during which the lead went back and forth, the Calgary team saved their best for last and won the tournament for their category! Their team will now be attending the Nationals which are being held this year in Newfoundland (in early June). Congratulations to Rob and his team!

Rotary Minutes

- Joe Hooper advised that he is organizing our upcoming Casino, which is being held at Elbow River Casino on Thursday and Friday, June 16th and 17th. We need volunteers to staff this very important event. Kindly check your schedule and contact Joe to sign up for this opportunity which funds a significant portion of our Club activity.
- Peter Bickham spoke on behalf of our Society, and asked for volunteers to assume seats on the Society Board. This Board meets 4 times a year so does not require a significant time commitment. If a member would like to Chair the Board, by all means speak to Peter.
- Bob Montgomery took the podium to thank a group of Chinook Rotarians who have stepped forward to deliver meals on a weekly basis to families in need through the "Meals on Wheels" program. Specifically he thanked Dave Wylie, Wayne Wiebe, Dale Perret and



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- Rob then introduced our upcoming NHL Playoff Pool and asked everyone to participate, and to ask their friends and families to participate as well.

Our anniversaries for April include Neil and Lois, Albert and Laurinda, Bill and Maria, and President George and Carol ... Happy Anniversary to All!



We enjoyed the Sergeant at Arms video which included a series of cartoons, followed by a video of a lady and her extremely well trained dog which mimicked her activities from yoga moves to dancing moves. Quite impressive indeed.

Our **next meeting** will be next Thursday evening, April 28th, from 5:30pm to 7pm at Limericks (note the change from Dixon's to

George thanked everyone for attending today and offered best wishes to all. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

25 YEAR SERVICE AWARD

*In Recognition of 25 Years of Service with the
Rotary Club of Calgary Chinook*

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MILK
Charter

JIM
THOMPSON
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BRUCE
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IAN
MCKESS
Charter

TOM
SORENSEN
Charter

BOB
SMITH
Charter

TOM
ALEXANDER
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IAN
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MCKESS
Charter

JOHN
McBEAN
1979

HARRY
NAZARCHUK
1979

LOU
REID
1979

AL
MILK
1981

BOB
WHITFIELD
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WAYNE
WIEBE
1981

JOHN
CHARBETT
1981

JOE
DOOPER
1982

BARRY
KORPANYEY
1982

NORM
MILLEN
1982

LYLE
DAVIGNON
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FRED
JESSEE
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BRUCE
MORNET
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PAUL
BUSSEY
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BOB
GREEN
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DON
McKENZIE
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ANTHONY
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GORDON
BILLINGS
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TERRY
GREEN
1991

MAURICE
TYNAN
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BARZ
DAILLEY
1992

GEORGE
KIMURA
1993

DON
McLEAN
1993

GERALD
LANGREIS
1994

RON
HARDIE
1994

PAT
HUTCHINSON
1994

TAMMY
TUDMAN
1994

AL
PETTIGREW
1995

BOB
MONTGOMERY
1996

TED
WADA
1999

RON
MAY
1997

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Youth Service Month
April 28th

Evening Meeting @ Limericks Pub — 5:30 - 7pm
Note the location change ... it will not be at Dixon's

Youth Service Month
May 17th

John Hufnagel, President & General Manager, Calgary Stampeders

Rotary Fellowship Month
June 16th & 17th

Casino Fundraiser at the Elbow River Casino — please help!
contact Joe Hooper for info and forms



Calgary Hitmen & Calgary Roughnecks

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Mike then spoke of the work they do in the community, including their recent partnership with the Tsuut'ina Nation. Another very high profile activity is their annual (for 28 years) "Teddy Bear Toss". He noted their anti-bullying game which has been well attended and includes an online message to which thousands (45,000 this year) listen to. They also helped the Catholic School Board with a fundraiser.

The Hitmen have a reasonably strong ticket base and focus their brand as a family oriented activity, with 17 Sunday games this year.



Mike then spoke about the Calgary Roughnecks, which appeals to the 20 to 35 aged market. One of their marketing themes is "Come for the Party, Stay for the Game". The games are engaging, a high level of excitement, a lot of fun. They have entertainment at each game.

Not long ago the team's record was 3 wins and 7 losses. Now, after 6 straight victories, they are 9 and 7 and have clinched a spot in the playoffs. The Roughnecks

won the league trophy in 2019 and would like nothing more to have a repeat performance this year.

They were drawing crowds in the 13,000 range prior to COVID but they have gone down quite a bit since. However they are now coming back slowly.

This sport is unique in that only 4 of the team actually live in Calgary, the rest all commute to their games each weekend, stay in hotels and go back home after the game. This format would be challenging in the best of times but was very difficult through COVID.

Mike attends all the home games of both the Hitmen and the Roughnecks, as well as a number of their away games ... a very busy schedule indeed.

Mike opened the floor to questions and we discovered that the Hitmen were actually named after Brett "The Hitman" Hart. In addition, Mike told us that the Hitmen team members received one year's free education for each year in the WHL. They also get expense money, and their billets get financial support to cover room and board. The Roughnecks do get paid depending on their seniority, however they all have other non-related jobs to supplement income.

In Memoriam



Keith Levern Hansen died at the age of 85 on April 20, 2022 at Millrise Seniors' Village after a series of illnesses. Keith was born in Didsbury and moved to Calgary while still a youngster. He graduated from Crescent Heights High School. After a 6 week training course, he began teaching in Coronation, Alberta. He went on to study at the University of Alberta, earning a BA, that

enabled him to continue his long career in teaching. Keith and his wife Janet married in 1958. In 1959 they moved to Calgary, where both began their teaching careers with the Calgary Board of Education. They moved into a new house in Willow Park in 1964, where Janet resides to this day. Over the course of his career, Keith served as principal of several schools, including Milton Williams, Bishop Pinkham and Bob Edwards Junior Highs. He retired from the latter in 1994, after which he joined Chinook Rotary. Keith was known for his generosity and friendliness. He loved nothing better than to chat and share stories with friends and strangers alike. In addition to Janet, Keith is survived by his 3 children, 5 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Verna May Nazarchuk of Calgary, AB, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2022 at the age of 81, after a short battle with cancer. Verna was born in Willingdon, AB, moved to Edmonton in 1944. On September 2, 1961 Verna married Harry Nazarchuk. They lived in Edmonton until they moved to Calgary in 1969. They still have the same home in Willow Park. Verna was most proud of her marriage, her children, and her grandchildren. Her family was everything to her. She was an avid reader and loved trips to the library and Chapters. Verna could often be found curled up with a book on the swing in the backyard or caring for her flowers in the garden. She spent many hours playing online Scrabble and Solitaire or doing crosswords or jigsaw



puzzles. Besides her loving husband Harry, Verna is survived by her 2 children, and 4 grandchildren. Verna is also survived by her older sister, younger brother, two nieces and two nephews, as well as numerous cousins and friends.

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