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Calgary Stampede

John Hufnagel, President & General Manager



Bart was called on to introduce one of our favourite speakers, John Hufnagel, President and General Manager of the Calgary Stampede.

John's playing career:

John was an All-American at Penn State University in 1972, where he was the starting quarterback for three seasons (1970-72) with a 26-3 record under

head coach Joe Paterno.

In 1972, Hufnagel became the first Nittany Lion quarterback to pass for more than 2,000 yards in a season. His 2,039 passing yards set Penn State's single-season record for passing yards (since broken), and he remains among the top 10 in most major career passing categories. He finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting that year. Hufnagel's final game as a collegian was the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, a 14-0 shutout loss to the University of Oklahoma.

A 14th-round selection (348th overall) of the Denver Broncos in the 1973 NFL Draft, Hufnagel spent three seasons with the Broncos, then twelve more in the Canadian Football League with the Calgary Stampede (1976-1979), Saskatchewan Roughriders (1980-1983, 1987), and Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1984-1986).

John's Coaching career:

In 1999, John began his coaching period in the National Football League. He joined the Cleveland Browns in 1999, and spent two seasons as the quarterback coach, and held the same post with the Indianapolis Colts (2001), Jacksonville Jaguars (2002), and the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots (2003). The next season Hufnagel joined the New York Giants where he spent three seasons as offensive coordinator from 2004 to 2006.

John went on to coach 15 years in the Canadian Football League (CFL). He compiled a regular season coaching record of 102-41-1, a winning percentage of .712 per cent, best among coaches with more than 100 games. He had a playoff mark of 6-5 and a Grey Cup mark of 2-1, for an overall post-season record of 8-6. He won Grey Cups in 2008 and 2014, with an appearance in the 2012 game. He won the Annis Stukus Award as CFL Coach of the Year in 2008 and 2014.

John was named President and General Manager of the Calgary Stampede on January 27, 2016.



John opened his remarks by noting that it has been a difficult couple of years with COVID shutting down games and fans and now, just when the new season is starting, they are faced with a potential work stoppage due to labour unrest. He doesn't like the direction they are taking. However he prefers

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President George called our meeting to order at 12:12, welcoming all participants, followed by the singing of O Canada. After our lunch, he recalled our meeting to order at 12:30.

He thanked Stephen and Anne for the great job they do in creating and distributing our e-Arch each week. He then thanked Paul Hussey for all his work in organizing our "house committee" which sees that our meetings are set up properly, and noted that Paul G. would be our Scribe for today's meeting. He also thanked Tammy and Anne for being today's greeters.

Chase the Ace:

Rob introduced our Chase the Ace segment by advising that we have 48 cards remaining, and that the daily winner will be receiving \$87. This week's ticket was drawn and Ruth Wylie was the winner. She chose the 8 of Diamonds so our larger pot continues to grow!



Sunshine Report:

George asked for any information on the health of the Club and Joe Hooper announced that Josie Hennessy, wife of former member Jim Hennessy, passed away on Saturday, May 14th. We offer our condolences to Jim and family.

Good News/Bad News:

- Anthony told us about their recent amazing trip to the Galapagos Islands, and their 4 day trek of the Inca Trail; long walks in high elevation situations and overnights in tents. Exhausting but very rewarding.
- Dave Wylie had Happy Bucks for the District Conference in Cochrane which was held on Saturday, May 14th. The environmental theme was very interesting and the youth speakers were excellent.

Rotary Minutes:

- Joe Hooper reminded everyone that we have our Casino coming up on June 16th and 17th, and that we are still seeking 5

volunteers to staff this event. This is our largest fundraiser and is only a two day event. It is not difficult work so we hope more of our members will step up (by contacting Joe).

- Rob highlighted next week's evening meeting, 5:30 to 7:00pm, Thursday (26th), which will once again be a fellowship meeting at Limericks (2nd floor) on Macleod Trail. Brian Carnahan of Calgary East will be hosting as Rob is not available. We urge our membership to come out and meet Rotarians from Calgary East as well as our own Chinookers.

- George read an email from Rhea in which she noted that we had 11 of our members in attendance at the District Conference held in Cochrane this past Saturday. It was an excellent one day event with a capacity crowd and many excellent speakers on the theme of environmental stewardship.



Anne Dale, our Foundation Director, started her remarks by noting her agreement with Rhea that the District Conference was outstanding.

She then proceeded to congratulate Rob and presented him with a Paul Harris Fellowship Pin +2. Rob told us that he is on the monthly donation plan for the Rotary Foundation and didn't realize he had earned his third pin. He said it was a "no brainer" to donate to such an excellent organization, and also urged everyone to



Photos courtesy George Van Schaick

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Your e-Arch Needs Scribes !!

Please help!!

The minutes help out those who don't make it to the meetings, and also help provide a historical record of our club.

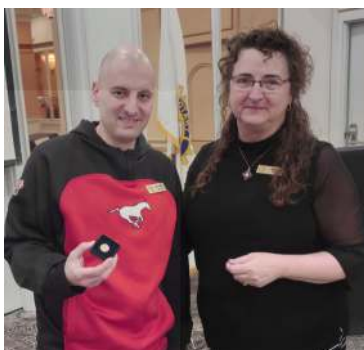
Contact Paul G to sign up for a month ... it's just 2 meetings



consider supporting both Foundations ... the Rotary Foundation and the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. The latter generates a significant annual dividend to our Club which grows based on our level of donations.

Sergeant at Arms:

Rob conducted our Sergeant at Arms, issuing fines of \$2 to everyone who didn't wear red today in honour of John's presentation, to everyone who hasn't joined our NHL Playoff Pool, and to everyone who has not yet signed up to work our upcoming Casino. He wrapped by reading a description of a school math problem as presented in 1950 versus 1970, 1990, up to 2021, highlighting the changing values over the years.



Our next meeting will be on the evening (5:30 to 7pm) of **Thursday, May 26th** at Limericks on Macleod Trail (see Rob's comments above).

Our next Tuesday Noon Meeting will be on June 7th when Dean White will be speaking on Roots2Stem.

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

US - Canada Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians

by Jim Thompson

This may be of interest to any golfing members. I have been a lifetime member of the group since literally the early 80s. Bill Andrew from the downtown club is too. Membership is club members from numerous clubs all over North America.

Great Golf, Great Fellowship, and Great Views!

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Denver, Colorado

September 17 – 20, 2022

Now is the time to make reservations for your participation in this years USCGFR Tournament, featuring two special courses, a wonderful hotel and an itinerary to please golfers and non-golfers alike. **Fossil Trace Golf Club** and **Arrowhead Golf Course** are recognized among Colorado's best tracks and both offer stunning views for a memorable golfing experience. The host hotel (Sheraton Denver West) offers all the amenities you need to provide a comfortable and memorable stay. The attractive group rate of only \$124 per night is pretty special, too!

<https://uscgfrgolf.wildapricot.org/page-18460>



'Skip the Depot' Fundraiser

With spring upon us we felt it was time for another fund raising bottle exchange. President Elect Bev agreed, and once again she and Anthony have agreed to allow us to use their driveway.

Please mark your calendar for **Tuesday June 28th** and put aside some cans and bottles for our collection. We'll confirm details later, but we wanted to give everyone a "heads up" today.

"Skip the Depot" will pick up our bottles from the Tonkinsons' driveway on the 29th (of June, not May) so we have to drop them off the day before.

Bring us your empties!!

The address is **12119 Lake Louise Way SE**, in the community of Lake Bonavista. (phone # 403 271 4026)

Please put your bottles in plastic bags ... the bigger the better! Consider reaching out to family, friends and neighbours to increase your collection!

If you have bottles but not the means to deliver them, please contact Paul G and we will try to arrange pick up.

Any members who can help pick up bottles for delivery to Tonkinsons' driveway, please advise Paul.



June 16 & 17 Casino



Major Fundraising Event
Thursday June 16 & Friday June 17

Help!!

Please sign up !
We need
5 more volunteers!

Contact Joe Hooper

Youth Service Month May 26th

Evening meeting @ Limericks — 5:30 - 7 pm, 2nd floor Guinness Room
with members of Calgary East

Rotary Fellowship Month

June 7th
June 16th & 17th

Dean White — Roots 2 STEM
Casino Fundraiser at the Elbow River Casino — please help!
contact Joe Hooper for info and forms

June 21st
June 28th
June 30th

Directors' Year Summaries
"Skip the Depot" Fundraiser — drop your empties in Tonkinsons' driveway
President's Ball Dinner



New Rotary Year Begins July 5th

Passing of the Gavel from George to Bev



Membership and New Club Development Month

August 2nd

Rob Wolfson — RibFest Promotion

Basic Education and Literacy Month

September 9th, 10th, 11th RibFest at McMahon Stadium



The Calgary Stampeders

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to be optimistic and hopes a new contract will be forthcoming soon. They have had three days of rookie camp, and will have several days of regular camp before the labour deadline shuts them down on Thursday.

He is excited about the upcoming year as they were quite successful in the second half of last season (6 wins, 1 loss), and will be welcoming many of the same group of players for the new season. Last year they found that when they were finally allowed to have "in person" coaching sessions, proper accountability took place which resulted in the improved results.

Bo Levi Mitchell has had some challenges with his health but is excited for the new season, and is determined to show everyone that he is back in high performance mode. Jake Maier did an excellent job backing up Bo last year, and has proven that he is a future starting quarterback in the CFL. The offensive line has stayed together and there are strong receivers and running backs in place. The defence also looks good, so John feels we will be ready to go after completing training camp.

The first pre-season game is currently scheduled for May 28th against BC, and the first game of the season is scheduled for June 9th against Montreal. He thanked all those who wore Stampeders colours at today's meeting. He then opened the floor for questions.

The first question was about the labour issues, and John said it was about money and roster composition. He noted that the owners have lost a lot of money during COVID, and are not in a position to improve the salary cap for 2022, but have offered to increase it by \$100,000 in 2023. The roster issues involve the Canadian restrictions and the challenge of encouraging players to stay with a team for a longer period. Their hope is to improve roster continuity. If the strike goes ahead, John is hopeful it will be settled quickly, as neither side can afford to miss any games, either pre-season or regular season. If talks break down (as they seem to have), then John advises that the mediators take over and attempt to find solutions. At the time of recording these minutes, the news just confirmed that a tentative contract agreement has been reached.

John commented on their facility, McMahon Stadium, and noted that while the field is fine, the actual building is in the need of significant upgrades to enhance the experience of fans. John is not sure of the current status of the potential expansion to Halifax. He also noted that Alex Singleton has been traded to Denver so will not be available to return to the Stamps.

Bart thanked John for updating us on the current status of the Stampeders and on their prospects for the 2022 season. He presented John with our Speaker's Certificate which notes Rotary's goal to eradicate Polio and our donation in honour of his Presentation today.

