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**Early July**

 Early July has always been a busy time and this year even more so. July 1st is Canada Day, July 2nd is an important Anniversary date, and July 4th is July 4th. In effect, … two ‘Independence Days’ and one ‘Loss of Ones Independence Day’ And now, 2010 has brought its own extra special July 3rd into the mix and all is playing with a backdrop of the first ‘Gamester’ Double-header in years.

 The ‘Gamesters’ are a fractious bunch (26) of ‘Crazies’ who compete in sports events under the guise of *very descriptive/definitive*  nom de games. i.e.: Your writers are *:”Lil Lulu”* & *“Mr. Recluse”*. Twenty-one are *“Outlook”* readers. Well, … recipients anyway, we’re not sure all people actually read all these things. Some of the *very descriptive/definitive*  names had to be switched into French to subvert spam filters. i.e*.: Derriere Solide & Tete de Merde*[[1]](#footnote-1)[1]. The two big events this July: … : The World Cup & Wimbledon. Insults still fly as we write.

 Side benefits of the above anniversary union were Two Thanksgiving Days and Two Independence Days. Ah, Fourths in the States in the Thirties!

Another reason one wonders how we ever survived childhood: Cherry Bombs, Jackass Firecrackers, Two Inchers et al. We went around for days blowing up everything in sight. One good friend even embedded part of a tin can into his knee.[[2]](#footnote-2)[2] This was brought to mind while walking the River Path the morning after Canada Day. Came upon a scattering of empty tubes bearing labels: *“Shoots 5 red and 5 green balls*” Hmmmn, … We must be on the site of a Roman Candle Rumble.

 And the big event of July 3rd? A visit by our newest Grandchild, Granddaughter GWETH!!![[3]](#footnote-3)[3] 3 months old and what a charmer! Already plays the piano with her feet. Watching Gerry give her a bottle brought back many fond memories. 2 o’clock in the morning memories, … but still fond.

 That’s all for now from Ottawa, and hey Americans, … have a safe & sane Fourth.

 Lucile, Bailey & Ken

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1. [1] Translation available upon request. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [2] Hey Gladys, … Pete ever tell about that caper? [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. [3] Wrote her name real large so she could read it better. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)