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*Brubyen Lodge 4-576, Saskatoon
Saskatchewan, Canada*



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Newsletter

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Membership Dinner Guests

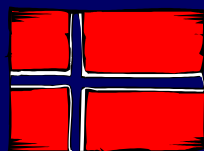
Fra presidenten



. As I write this report, the skies have been weeping since about 8:00 last night. Some people welcome it saying it was needed; others, such as many farmers, say go away. Some farmers are still trying to harvest last fall's crops and others are anxiously waiting to put the seed in the ground as some crops need to be seeded as early as possible. Seems that farmers are seldom happy – too wet, too dry, too hot, too cold, too windy, too! Many “experts” are claiming global warming as the cause of our changing weather patterns and others are ignoring it. Feeding the world's population is becoming more of a challenge all the time!

MANGE TAK to our members for their assistance in hosting our annual Membership Dinner on April 20, 2017. Eighteen members and sixteen guests enjoyed a ham dinner ending with rømmegrøt and waffles. Several people told short stories about one of their ancestors who immigrated to “America” – where they came to originally and where they settled in Saskatchewan.

2017 SPORTS WEEKEND



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



Fra presidenten continued...



Gratulerer
med
dagen!



01 Jason Lawrence
01 Linda Care
04 Carol Baldwin
11 Finn Fenton
12 Charlene Willoughby
15 Landen Willoughby
15 Richard Olafson
21 Alice Olson
21 Tyler Lawrence
25 Margaret Kleiv



16 Doug & Phyllis Byers

Nine Brubyen Lodge members attended the Zone 4 Sports Weekend in Red Deer on April 28-30. A total of 76 people from 9 lodges enjoyed a Sports Smorg with a variety of activities available to play: Norwegian whist; Norwegian Train, darts, yard Yahtzee, kubb, walking, visiting the Lafthus, etc. Most of the delicious meals were at the Red Deer Seniors Centre, cooked & served by their volunteers. The Saturday lunch was soup & sandwiches sold as a fundraiser for Trollhaugen Camp. The entertainment was fun and it is always great to visit with members from other lodges who attend every year and new members just getting started.

Next year the Sports Weekend will be hosted by Solsyd Lodge in Lethbridge with help from Hamar Lodge at Claresholm. The usual Sunday morning annual meeting of Sports Directors and Presidents became a General Meeting with everyone involved. There were accolades from attending lodges thanking Red Deer for a great time and recommendations for future sports weekends.

A key part of the meeting was regarding the proposed increase in membership fees for January 2018. Many members expressed concern that this would hasten the demise of some lodges which are already coping with dwindling memberships. The following motion was passed unanimously:

Increase in Fees:

WHEREAS the Zone 4 Sports Weekend provides the opportunity for all Lodges in Zone 4 to voice in unison their displeasure with the increase. And WHEREAS, Sons of Norway Insurance is not available to purchase in Canada, (through no fault of Canadians) thus Canadian Lodges do not have the support of the sales people to help recruit new and younger members. Membership is aging and dwindling.

And WHEREAS, members present felt the increase is exorbitant (the Viking magazine an example of not being worth it) and are seeking alternatives.

MOVED that Zone Director, Alison Wiigs, be contacted and asked to set up a meeting of the Lodge Presidents and Vice Presidents or reps to voice their concerns and debated the problem and find a united solution to the problem created for Canadians by the increasing the fees." CARRIED.

SO, I am calling all Brubyen members to be thinking about the problems being experienced by lodges in Canada, and sharing these thoughts with your president, vice president or any Board members. We had 16 guests at the Membership Dinner but it is very difficult to try to convince them to join the lodge at the 2017 fee when we know that the fee is going to be raised dramatically in less than a year. This is a very important issue facing our Lodge and we need to be having discussions about the future of Brubyen Lodge. I don't know when the Zone 4 meeting suggested in the above motion will take place but it would be helpful if our Lodge did some thinking and planning prior to that meeting.

Enough of "gloomy Gus" for now as we have a celebration to plan and attend!



Fra presidenten continued...



Unless otherwise indicated,
all events are held at:

Fairfield Senior Citizens
Centre
103 Fairmont Court
Saskatoon

Dead Fish Society
Social Hour
at Bugsy's Pub in
Market Mall, 6:45 pm
May 5th
June 2nd
July 7th
(1st Friday each month)

Norwegian Whist
May 10th, 7:30 pm
June 14th, 7:30 pm
(2nd Wed each month)

SYTTENDE MAI celebrations will take place on Wednesday, May 17 [of course] at the Fairfield Seniors Centre beginning at 6:00 pm with a “picnic” supper followed by some programming. We will also acknowledge Canada 150 with a special display of furs, acknowledging that the fur trade was instrumental in exploring and settling many parts of Canada. Tickets are \$ 10.00 for adults; \$ 5.00 for 6-12 year olds; free for 5 and under. Please call Sharon at 306-384-2420 to purchase or reserve tickets. Come out, bring your family and friends and celebrate May 17 but please let Sharon or Diane [306-373-3156] know by May 15 if you and how many are attending so that we will have sufficient food.

SUMMER SOLSTICE EVENT – JUNE 23, 2017

Alfred Hovdestad is planning this event and I’m sure he will have a report later in this newsletter. So mark the date on your calendar.

WHIST

We had 12 people out for whist in April and hope we can keep that up for May and June. Remember new players are always welcome!

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dorothy Haroldson is home after a two-day stay in hospital and doing well so we are thankful for that news. Doug & Phyllis Byers celebrate 25 years of marriage on May 16 – congratulations!

Best of luck to Unge Venner member, Natasha Tripp, who has applied for admission to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine for the 2017 Fall term. Another of our Unge Venner members, Bjorn Hunter, is completing his first year in the College of Medicine. We hope that all of our Brubyen members who are attending university have a successful exam season. The next Board meeting is at 7:30 pm at Legion Manor on Thursday, May 11. There will be no Board meeting in June. The next General Meeting will be on Thursday, June 15, 2017 hosted by Group 1 – we need a coordinator for that meeting.

I will be away from May 23 to June 13 so our Vice President, Marcel Voyer, will be your go-to person for that time period. If he is not available, Myrna Kennedy [Social Director] or Phyllis Byers [Cultural Director] are next in line.

Marcel Voyer and Phyllis Byers volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee and will be calling everyone regarding a one year term as officers of the Lodge to serve from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. We then return to our regular two year term of office. Please consider becoming an officer or staying in your position for another year.

Folkfest will be August 17-19, 2017 to celebrate Canada 150. The Norwegian pavilion will be at Holy Cross High School and will be a scaled-down version for 2017. Negotiations are underway for a new venue for 2018. More on that in the future.

Fraternally,

Diane

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Sympathy extended
to

**GET
WELL!**

Lyle Martinson

Dorothy Haroldson

Notify Dorothy if
sunshine required
at 306-373-6478.



Fra sekretæren

BRUBYEN LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 13, 2017 7:30 pm at Legion Manor
Meeting called to order at 7:21 pm. All members present.
Minutes of March 19, 2017 Board meeting and March 16 General
meeting were adopted as presented.

Correspondence: Heritage Festival invitation to their AGM April 20,
2017; April Mellom Venner; SAGA; various e-mails from Head
Office; Fabulous Fourth Newsletter; letter from Foundation re grant
request – denied.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand at the end of March was \$
2051.00. \$ 675 sent to Aspelund Lodge re Sports Weekend [fees
collected from participants but sent as a lodge cheque]. Sharon will
be ordering 2018 Heritage calendars to sell.

Membership Secretary: March membership reported 82 members
including all active members.

Social Director: nothing to report

Cultural Director: Received Sports Pins & will present at
Membership Dinner. Others should record and send in their
activities.

Sports Director: 12 whist players in April. 9 members attending
Sports Weekend, April 28-30 in Red Deer, AB.

Vice President: The Norwegian pavilion for Folkfest will be at Holy
Cross High School and will be a scaled down version. There will be
a Lefse Bee on June 15-17 at the Wildlife Federation kitchen,
possibly meatballs also.

President: The annual Membership Dinner will be on April 20, 2017
with a possible 11 guests to attend. Arrangements are in place.
Syttende Mai planning – Fairfield Seniors Centre at 6:00 pm on
May 17 starting with a supper; displays including one on furs
[Canada 150], SNCS folk dancers will perform; other program items
TBD; table decorations will include red & blue table covers and
table flags. Members to be at Fairfield at 4:30 pm for set up and
preparation.

Remarks for Good of the Order: Next meeting is April 20
Membership Dinner; next Board meeting May 11, 2017 at Legion
Manor; congratulations to Phyllis & Doug Byers celebrating 25
years of marriage; the September meeting will start with a Soup
Supper; Alfred Hovdestad is proceeding with plans for June 23rd at
Pike Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.



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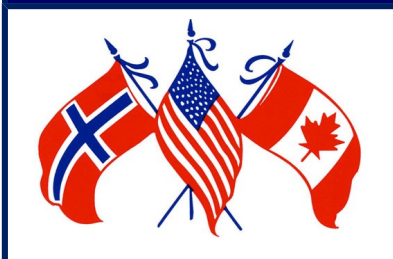
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*Hávamál-Old Norse poem with Sayings
from the High One (= Odin)*

Here is this month's sample of Viking Poetry.

Verse 47

Ungur var eg forðum
fór eg einn saman
þá varð eg villur vega;
auðigur þóttumk,
er eg annan fann
Maðr er manns gaman

Ung var eeg fordom
eg einsam fór,
vegwill dá eg vart;
rik eg tyktest
nár eg ráka einkvann
Mann er manns gaman.

Ung var jeg engang
og ensom drog jeg.
da gikk jeg vill på veien;
følte meg rik
da jeg fant en annen.
Mann er manns glede.

Young was I once,
I walked alone;
once I lost my way;
Rich I felt
When I found another.
Man rejoices in man.



Officers

- Ellwood Jones** - Assistant Sports Director
- Mildred Norum** - Counselor
- Dorothy Haroldson** - Sunshine
- Myrna Kennedy** - Greeter
- Graham Begg** - Foundation
- Lyla Dalen** - Historian
- Nancy Iverson** - Librarian
- Myrtle Dixon** - Assistant Librarian
- Wanda Fowler** - Assistant Librarian
- Marcel Voyer** - Marshall
- Chris Byers** - Marshall
- Natasha Tripp** - Marshall
- Lois Campbell** - Trustee
- Marcel Voyer** - Trustee
- Kayla Ingram** - Trustee
- Inger Anderson** - Auditor
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Notices – June Social/Cultural Event

Wiener Roast at Pike Lake

Group Site #3

Friday June 23rd 5:00pm until sunrise.

Map attached.

Fra redaktøren

Kjære venner,

One of my favorite memories from my childhood is sitting around the campfire cooking hot dogs and marshmallows. When I read in my *norsk* classes that a campfire at Sankt Hans was a Norwegian tradition, I knew that I wanted to try to organize one.

In talking to lodge members and SNCS members, I found that many others shared my interest in camp fires, games, hot dogs, and songs around the fire. We all thought that a camp fire under the stars for Sankt Hans was a wonderful idea.

To make a long story short, we are arranging a wiener roast at Group site #3 (map attached) at Pike Lake on Friday, June 23rd starting at 5:00pm and (hopefully) running until dawn. There is a dining shelter that we can use to set up our meal (and in case of rain). We will have a shelter set up as well but let's hope that the sky is clear so that we can sit out and watch the stars. We will try to have one or two tents set up for anyone who needs a nap.

Please feel free to bring your family, friends, neighbors or anyone that you would like to spend an evening with. The cost of the hot dog and drink will be by donation (or BYOB). Also bring lawn chairs for sitting around the fire, and any games that you might have to share. We will have ladder golf, frisbee games, kubb, and any other games that we can find. If you have a musical instrument that you would like to play, bring that too!

Come for a hot dog, play some games, sing some songs, stay for an hour or stay all night. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,

**Alfred
Hovdestad**

Deadline for the
next newsletter

June 3rd



At the Lodge





Litt på norsk...

Nå skal barna få tid til maten

Skolebarn skal slippe å sluke matpakka. Regjeringen vil at barna skal få 20 minutter til å spise på.

Nå må barna få tid til å spise matpakka si. Det er viktig å få satt av tid til dette. Både for kosthold og helse, sier Torbjørn Røe Isaksen til nyhetsbyrået NTB. Han er kunnskapsminister.

Regjeringen og Helse-direktoratet vil at barn skal få mer tid til å spise. De kommer med et råd om 20 minutter spisetid. For alle.

Vi vet at spisetiden på mange skoler forsvinner i masse annet. En del elever i Norge får fem eller ti minutter til å sluke en matpakke. Ikke noe mer, sier Isaksen.

Rådet står i en plan for et bedre kosthold. Den gjelder for hele Norge. Bare halvparten av grunnskolene i Norge har matpause på 20 minutter.

Skolene og kommunene kan bestemme hvordan skoledagen skal være. Og hvor lange pauser elevene får.

Barna får veldig kort tid til å spise. Mange foreldre vil kjenne seg igjen i dette. Det skaper dårlige holdninger til både det å ha en god matpause, sier Isaksen.

Regjeringen ønsker ikke styre kommunene. De kaller det en oppfordring. Men det kan endre seg om ikke skolene følger etter, sier han.

and a little in English

Kids Will Now Have Time to Eat

Schoolchildren should not have to gobble their lunches. The [Norwegian] government wants kids to have 20 minutes to eat.

"Now the children will have time to eat their lunches. It is important to set aside time for this. Both for diet and health," says Torbjørn Røe Isaksen to news agency NTB. He is [Norway's] Minister of Education.

The government and Norwegian Directorate for Health and Social Affairs want children to have more time to eat. They advise about 20 minutes for lunchtime. For everyone.

"We know that mealtimes at many schools disappear into many other things. Some students in Norway receive five or ten minutes to devour their lunch. No more," says Isaksen.

This advice is part of a plan for a better diet. It applies to all of Norway. Only half of the primary schools in Norway have a lunch break of 20 minutes.

Schools and municipalities get to decide how the school day goes. And how long students will have for breaks.

"Kids get very little time to eat. Many parents will recognize this. It creates bad attitudes towards having a good lunch break," says Isaksen.

"The government does not want to control municipalities. They're calling it a request. But that could change if schools don't follow suit," he said.