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*Brubyen Lodge 4-576, Saskatoon
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Newsletter

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Professor David Parkinson talking about the Viking influence in Scottish history

Fra presidenten

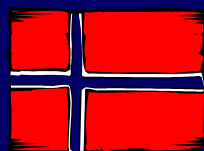
It certainly looks like spring has arrived. It isn't often that our snow is basically gone by the end of March. Hopefully this is not an omen heralding a dry spring and summer.

MEMBERSHIP DINNER

6:00 pm Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Fairfield Seniors Centre

We will start with a POT LUCK Supper. Group 3 will cook a ham, make a punch, etc. and do the set up. We are asking all members to contribute food items to the supper – a main dish, a salad or a dessert. It would be nice if we could use traditional Norwegian recipes as it may be an introduction to Norwegian cuisine for some of our guests.

Please invite family members, friends, neighbours who could possibly be interested in joining us as members. We need to have 10 guests in order to qualify for monetary assistance from Sons of Norway. Please let Diane



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!



05 Debbie Ann Hilton
05 Judy L Akins
10 Irene M Johnson
13 Karen A Larson
14 Sveinung H Garvik
24 Vikki Towson



12 Charlene Willoughby

[306-373-3156] know if you are bringing guests and how many by Monday, April 18 so we know how many people to prepare for. I will send the number of expected guests to you in an e-mail at that time.

There will be a program and displays with information about Sons of Norway and Brubyen Lodge.

Seventeen members and one guest participated in the March general meeting hosted by Group 4. We held a very short business meeting. Then had our coffee and lunch before listening to an interesting talk about early Scottish history [including the Vikings] given by Professor David Parkinson from the University of Saskatchewan. Thanks to Bjorn Hunter who coordinated the evening and the other members who provided a delicious lunch.

Six Brubyen Lodge members travelled to North Battleford at the invitation of Nisse Lodge for lunch, cards and bowling. We had a great time. Thanks Nisse Lodge! Plans are to invite Nisse members to join us on Sunday, May 15 for a similar afternoon at the Fairfield Seniors Centre. More information to come.

We cancelled the last Norwegian whist night for a lack of enough card players to make it worthwhile. I'd like to encourage our members to come out to play on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Fairfield Seniors Centre. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you. The regular players have varying skill levels – we are not experts – we just like to play and have fun. It only costs you \$ 2.00 to play and, of course, there is lunch! Several members of the Seniors Centre join us and their participation is appreciated. SO – on Wednesday, April 13 – we hope to see you. If anyone needs a ride, please let Ellwood Jones or myself know. We need to have at least 3 tables of 4 players.

At the March meeting, it was moved that Brubyen Lodge give a \$100.00 donation to the Saskatoon Norwegian Cultural Society for their fundraising to purchase a storage container for all of the Folkfest possessions. The old trailer is no longer suitable for that purpose. The Genealogy cultural skills group meeting will now be Saturday, April 9 at 1:30 pm. Place TBA shortly.

The March meeting also considered:

- 1) Website information – to customize our domain name and purchase the rights to a name through wix.com, a three year registration would cost \$ 12.95 per year. To connect our domain to Google Analytics, a monthly subscription is a basic amount of \$ 4.08 per month. Please be thinking about this for another meeting.



Unless otherwise indicated,
all events are held at:

Fairfield Senior Citizens
Centre
103 Fairmont Court
Saskatoon

Dead Fish Society
Social Hour
at Smitty's in Market
Mall, 7:00 pm
April 1st
May 6th
June 3rd
(1st Friday each month)

Norwegian Whist
April 13th, 7:30 pm
May 11th, 7:30 pm
(2nd Wed each month)

Lodge Monthly Meeting
May 19th, 7:30 pm
(3rd Thurs each month)

Monthly Event
Membership Dinner
April 21st
(3rd Thurs each month)

Fra presidenten continued...

- 2) It has been suggested that the Lodge consider and plan some day trips such as the Riverlands Heritage Preservation Region Self-Guided Tour from Petrofka to Wingard [Blaine Lake area]. Are there other suggested destinations?
- 3) Sports Weekend, Edmonton, June 10-12. This is a fun weekend. We are waiting for further information from Solglyt Lodge but if you are considering going, please let Ellwood or Kathy know so that car pools can be arranged.
- 4) The Archerwill Nordic Summer Games will be held on Monday, August 15 so put it on your calendar. It is a long drive but we have fun with the games and enjoy a great pot luck supper.
- 5) The May 17 Celebration is being hosted by the SNCS this year. It will be at the WDM but we are waiting for more details of the event.

It was great to see Lyla Dalen and Betty Brewer out to the February Indoor Games. They are both much improved from recent ill health. We send get well greetings to Sven Garvik who has been in hospital. Condolences also go out to Mervin and Mavis Hanson whose daughter passed away at age 47 this week. Lastly, some of you will remember a previous Lodge member, Alvin Amerud, who passed away recently.

The next Board meeting will be at 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 14 at Legion Manor. See you at the Membership Dinner, April 21!!

Included with this newsletter is an update of the Program Planning Groups (as of March 2016).

Fraternally,
Diane 306-373-3156 edberg@sasktel.net

Fra sekretæren

Meeting started at 7:35

17 members present, 1 guest.
Diane Berg made motion to accept the minutes. Motion to accept minutes made by Nancy Iverson, seconded by Phyllis Byers. Motion carried.



Sympathy extended
to

**GET
WELL!**

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



Fra sekretæren continued...

Alfred Hovdestad and Diane Berg will be representing the lodge at the district convention. Phyllis Byers made a motion to accept the minutes, Dorothy Byers seconded the motion for minutes of 18 Feb 2016.

Trollhaugen camp is a culture camp in Alberta and they are seeking donations. The camp is held at Sylvain Lake.

Membership Report—Dorothy Byers

Geneology meeting: No meeting for March, next meeting is April 9 at 1:30.

May 15 for our event with North Battleford - potluck lunch followed by cards and bowling

Sports Weekend June 10-12. Need to start looking for people to go. Registration fee will be \$65.

Vice-President Meeting—Marcel Voyer

Fundraising for storage unit for Folkfest. Ask members if lodge should make a donation. It would be good to donate since we use the storage unit for Folkfest.

Motion made by Mildred Norum to donate \$100 to Folkfest seacan fund. This was seconded by Marcel Voyer. Motion carried. All members are able to make private donations.

Discussion about a day trip to Blane lake to visit the winery
Nominations Committee will be discussed in September
SNCS will be performing May 17.
Archerwill August 15 or August 16 for the summer games

0815 Meeting finished



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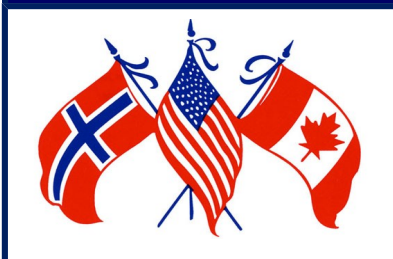
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Night of Nordic Storytelling

SNCS invites you to:

**A NIGHT OF NORDIC STORYTELLING
WITH ART AUCTION AND LIVE MUSIC**

Thursday April 14th at 6:30 to 9:30

SNCS is hosting a night of art, storytelling, music and refreshments to raise funds for the new storage trailer. The event will be held at **Albert Community Centre Upper Loft, 610 Clarence Ave East, Saskatoon.**

There will be:

- Live performances of Nordic stories (three professional storytellers)
- Art exhibit and silent auction
- Live music – classical piano
- Nordic snacks and beverages

Tickets will be \$10 at the door. If you have questions call Erika Faith at 306-244-2543 or send an email to:

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- Ellwood Jones** - Assistant Sports Director
- Mildred Norum** - Counselor
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- Nancy Iverson** - Librarian
- Myrtle Dixon** - Assistant Librarian
- Wanda Fowler** - Assistant Librarian
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- Chris Byers** - Marshall
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Notices – April Social/Cultural Event

MEMBERSHIP DINNER
6:00 pm Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Fairfield Seniors Centre

Fra redaktøren

Kjære venner!

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since I took over this position. A lot has happened in the last year, and there are several exciting events coming up in the next few months:

- April 21 - Membership dinner
- May 17 - Syttende Mai
- June 10 - 12 - Sports Weekend in Edmonton
- June 16 - 18 - District IV Convention
- August - Archerwill Summer Games

Also, just a quick reminder that the hotel accommodations for the Sports Weekend are at the Chateau Nova, 13029 – Yellowhead Trail at a cost of \$ 119.00 plus applicable taxes. Phone number is 780-454-5441. 20 rooms have been reserved by Sons of Norway Solglyt Lodge for the weekend. Tell the hotel this when you book your room that you are attending the Sons of Norway Sports Weekend.

Fraternally,
Alfred Hovdestad

Deadline for the next newsletter

Apr 30th



Litt på norsk...

Vigelandsparken på turisttoppen

Er det en ting norske turister skal gjøre når de er på ferie i Oslo, så er det å besøke i Vigelandsparken. Skulpturene topper listen over severdigheter nordmenn har besøkt i eget land.

Det viser en [2014] landsomfattende spørreundersøkelse som TNS Gallup har gjennomført for NHO Reiseliv. 1057 nordmenn over 18 år er spurt om sine ferieplaner. Så i år igjen kommer mange til å posere i sinnaformasjon foran Sinnataggen, i løpepositur foran løpeskulpturer og i løftepositur foran skulpturer som løfter.

I tillegg til Vigelandsparken er to andre attraksjoner fra Oslo-regionen med blant de fem mest besøkte: Holmenkollen med skimuseet og TusenFryd like utenfor byen. Så viser også den samme undersøkelsen at «alle» har vært i Oslo, og at blant de som skal ha sommerferie i eget land i år, skal de aller fleste tilbringe den på Østlandet.

- Det er klart. Oslo er jo Norges største turistby, sier direktør i NHO Reiseliv, Kristin Krohn Devold. Hun sier hun blir litt lattermild når små kommuner får lov til å ha søndagsåpne butikker fordi de er turistkommuner. Det er jo Oslo de aller fleste kommer til.- Vi har nasjonale monumenter i denne byen som alle vil oppleve, for eksempel Operaen. Den har blitt et turmål på samme måten som Vigelandsparken. Folk skal ikke først og fremst se en opera, men de skal gå tur på operataket. Og Vigelandsparken har blitt Norges svar på Central Park. Det jogges, løpes, trenes og gås turer. Parken brukes mye både av de som bor der og av turister, sier hun.

NHO Reiselivs ferieundersøkelse viser også at Preikestolen og Nordkapp, befinner seg helt nederst på lista over severdigheter nordmenn har besøkt selv. - Det har nok litt med hvor disse severdighetene ligger å gjøre. Preikestolen er like utenfor Stavanger, og mange nordmenn tenker nok på Stavanger mer som et businesssted enn et feriested, sier Krohn Devold. Preikestolen er det desidert mest besøkte fjellet i Norge, mye mer besøkt enn både Galdhøpiggen og Besseggen. Men tilsynelatende er det mer attraktivt blant utlendinger enn blant nordmenn. Det samme gjelder for Nordkapp. - For nordmenn er det nok ikke noe stort mål i seg selv å stå på Europas nordligste punkt.

For oss er det nok mer interessant å reise til Tromsø eller Lofoten for å få interessante opplevelser i Nordnorge, sier Kristin Krohn Devold.

NHO Reiseliv-undersøkelsen viser også at en av fire nordmenn aldri har vært i Nord-Norge. Og det synes NHO Reiseliv-direktøren er ille. - Ja, nå må nordmenn våkne. Nord-Norge er så fantastisk. Nå er det jo mulig å få billige flybilletter til flere steder i Nordnorge, til flyplassene hvor det er to konkurrerende selskap. Det gjelder blant annet Tromsø, Bodø, Kirkenes og Evenes, sier hun. Kristin Krohn Devold oppfordrer alle som ikke har vært i Nord-Norge før til å kjøpe flybillett og leie bil for å oppleve mer av landsdelen.

Disse severdighetene har nordmenn besøkt:

- 1) Vigelandsparken 78%
- 2) Kristiansand Dyrepark 74%
- 3) TusenFryd 71%
- 4) Nidaros Domkirke 70%
- 5) Holmenkollen med skimuseet 63%
- 6) Fløibanen 62%
- 7) Hunderfossen Familiepark 60%
- 8) Geirangerfjorden 46%
- 9) Vøringsfossen 46%
- 10) Fredriksten festning 44%
- 11) Lofoten 42%
- 12) Nasjonalgalleriet 42%
- 13) Flåmsbanen 28%
- 14) Preikestolen 21%
- 15) Nordkapp 21%
- 16) Ingen av disse 1%

Disse byene har nordmenn vært i:

- 1) Oslo 98%
- 2) Bergen 89 %
- 3) Trondheim 87%
- 4) Drammen 80%
- 5) Kristiansand 84%
- 6) Stavanger 76%
- 7) Fredrikstad 70%
- 8) Tromsø 60%
- 9) Ålesund 59%
- 10) Bodø 53%
- 11) Førde 37%
- 12) Alta 30%



...and a little in English

Vigeland Sculpture Park tops the tourist list

If there's one thing Norwegian tourists do when they are on vacation in Oslo, it is visit Vigeland Sculpture Park. The sculptures top the list of sights Norwegians have visited in their own country.

These results were shown by a [2014] nationwide survey by TNS Gallup for the Norwegian Hospitality Association. 1,057 Norwegians over 18 were asked about their vacation plans. So again this year, many will pose angrily in front of Sinnataggen--the Spitfire--in a running pose in front of running sculptures and a lifting pose in front of the figures that are lifting.

In addition to Vigeland Park, there are two other attractions from the Oslo region among the top five most-visited: Holmenkollen Ski Jump and Ski Museum and Tusenfryd amusement park just outside the city. The same survey also shows that "everyone" has been to Oslo, and that among those who are taking a summer vacation in their own country this year, most are spending it in the eastern part of Norway.

"It's clear. Oslo is Norway's biggest tourist town," says director of the Norwegian Hospitality Association, Kristin Krohn Devold. She says she is a bit amused when small towns are allowed to have stores open on Sundays because they are tourist towns. It is actually Oslo that most people are visiting. "We have national monuments in this city that everyone wants to experience, such as the Opera. It has become a tourist destination much like Vigeland Park. People mostly aren't going to see an opera, but they want to stroll on the rooftop. And Vigeland Park has become Norway's answer to Central Park. People jog, run, exercise and go for walks. The park is widely used both by those who live there and tourists, she said.

The Norwegian Hospitality Association's vacation survey also shows that Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock) and Nordkapp (The North Cape) are at the very bottom on the list of sights Norwegians have visited. "It probably has a bit to do with where these sites are located. Preikestolen is just outside Stavanger, and many Norwegians may think of Stavanger as more of a business hub than a vacation destination," says Krohn Devold. Preikestolen is by far the most-visited mountain in Norway, much more visited than the Galdhøpiggen and Besseggen. But apparently it is more attractive among foreigners than among Norwegians.

The same goes for Nordkapp. "For Norwegians it's probably not a big goal in itself to stand at the northernmost point of Europe. For us it's probably more interesting to travel to Tromsø or Lofoten to have interesting experiences" in Northern Norway, says Kristin Krohn Devold.

The Norwegian Hospitality Association's survey also shows that one in four Norwegians have never been in Northern Norway. And the Norwegian Hospitality director thinks this is too bad. "Yes, Norwegians need to wake up. Northern Norway is so amazing. Now it's possible to get cheap flights to several places in Northern Norway, to the airports where there are two competing companies. These include Tromsø, Bodø, Kirkenes and Evenes among others," she says. Kristin Krohn Devold encourages anyone who has not been to Northern Norway before to buy a plane ticket and rent a car to see more of the region.

Norwegians have visited these sights:

- 1) Vigeland Sculpture Park 78%
- 2) Kristiansand Zoo 74%
- 3) Tusenfryd amusement park 71%
- 4) Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim 70%
- 5) Holmenkollen Ski Jump and Ski Museum 63 %
- 6) Fløibanen, funicular in Bergen 62%
- 7) Hunderfossen Familiepark - amusement park 60%
- 8) Geiranger Fjord 46%
- 9) Vøringsfossen 500 ft (163 m) waterfall 46%
- 10) Fredriksten festning fortress in Halden 44%
- 11) Lofoten archipelago 42%
- 12) The National Gallery 42%
- 13) Flåm Line - scenic railway 28%
- 14) Preikestolen Pulpit Rock 21%
- 15) Nordkapp The North Cape 21%
- 16) None of these 1%

Norwegians have been to these cities:

- 1) Oslo 98%
- 2) Bergen 89%
- 3) Trondheim 87%
- 4) Drammen 80%
- 5) Kristiansand 84%
- 6) Stavanger 76%
- 7) Fredrikstad 70%
- 8) Tromsø 60%
- 9) Ålesund 59%
- 10) Bodø 53%
- 11) Førde 37%
- 12) Alta 30%