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FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

NORWEGIAN ARTIFACTS—REALLY BIG SALE! P. 2

Hello Roald Amundsen Lodge Members and friends.

Here comes May, my favorite month of the year when growing up in Norway, syttende mai, constitution day, also my birthday month. The best part of May was that we could start wearing nice summer dresses and no more "stilongs" best translated as long wool underwear.

Don't forget to sign up for **Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule**. Remember we offer half scholarships of \$500. So far we have a total 5 kids signed up from our lodge. We are hoping for more. Any questions, please let me know.

Scandinavian festival was well attended last weekend. Soup makers, cookie bakers, info table, drink table, Viking ship and flag ceremony, these were all areas of our responsibility. Thank you so very much to everyone that helped. It is very much appreciated.

Our **book club** is still going strong. If you like to read and want to join in, we usually meet by zoom, please let me know.

Syttende mai, May 17th, at the lodge this year will also be Roald Amundsen Lodge's **95th anniversary celebration**.* I am hoping that we will have a nice turn out. Maybe some of you will be willing to share your Norwegian background and connections to our lodge. Some lodge historical materials will be on display.

The next event at Camp Norge will be Memorial Day Weekend, come for the day or the whole weekend, but first, hope to see you on Friday May 17th, at 6:00 PM.

Hurra for syttende mai.

Hilsen Tove-Lise

*** SEE FLYER WITHIN, AND LET TOVE-LISE KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING! - Editor**



A REALLY BIG BUYING OPPORTUNITY!
NORWEGIAN ARTIFACTS, ITEMS, TREASURES!

One of our longtime members, Dawn Bayer, has decided to part with her collection of Scandinavian items, hoping someone else will enjoy them. She is having a sale at her home Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th from 1:00 to 5:00 each day. Her address is 1002 Mormon Street, Folsom CA 95630.



MANY, MANY, MORE
ITEMS!

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE IS 95!
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON SYTTENDE MAI!
(17th OF MAY, 2024)

This is a Friday; festivities will begin at 6:00 pm at the usual Masonic Lodge venue.

**COME CELEBRATE SYTTENDE MAI IN A NORWEGIAN WAY WITH
 PØLSE MED LOMPE AND A FEW EXTRAS!
 AND ALSO
 CELEBRATE ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE'S
 95th ANNIVERSARY OF ITS CHARTERING
 BY SONS OF NORWAY!
 CAKE AND ICE CREAM WILL BE SERVED***



PLEASE NOTIFY TOVE-LISE IF YOU PLAN ON
 COMING SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD
 WE NEED: tovelise@aol.com; 916-508-5555
 (Voice, Voicemail, or Text).

PROGRAM: Here are the surnames of the original lodge signors of the charter. Descendants of these folks who belong to the lodge today, or other knowledgeable persons, are encouraged to provide commentary about their ancestors to the editor prior to the meeting, and we will post history on the big screen display so that others may read it. The surnames: Bohle, Brekke, Christiansen, Ford, Fagerskog, Froyland, Grande, Husbye, Johansen, Johnson, Jorstad, Kvam, Larsen, Livingston, Osterli, Owre, Sandson, Sanstad, Skauge, Tangseth, and Willman.

***If you care to bring something special, please do, but not required.**

THE 40TH ANNUAL SACRAMENTO SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL POPULAR AGAIN THIS YEAR

Many folks in the upper Midwestern United States, a bastion of Scandinavian Americans, like to think that California is simply “the land of fruits and nuts,” but if the participation and attendance for the annual Sacramento Scandinavian Festival is any indication, California has its share of Scandinavians as well. Lodges and other types of membership organizations representing Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Finns, Icelanders, and the Sami Peoples participated with table presentations and food delicacies. Persons from the San Francisco Bay area and many other outlying locations attended. Many of our lodge members worked the various food and activity tables. Most of the food offerings were sold out by 2:00 pm. This year the event was held at the Elks Lodge #6, 6446 Riverside Drive, Sacramento.





MEMORIAL DAY

At Camp Norge

Join us for a fun & relaxing weekend!

MAY 24-27

Swimming | Hiking | Campfire | Axe Throwing | Pickle Ball

STAY

Choose from: Main House, Dorms, or Cabins - or bring your RV or Tent
Call 530-389-2508 to reserve your spot

DETAILS

Come for the day or the whole weekend!
Tons of fun activities to choose from for all skills and abilities.
Meals provided or on your own.
Open to all Sons of Norway & Young Scandinavian Club members and their families & friends

REGISTER FOR MEALS

campnorge.org/site/memorial-day
Deadline to register for meals 5/16/24



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT CAMP NORGE



The annual **Memorial Day Weekend Campout** is a District-wide event for members of Sons of Norway and the Young Scandinavian Club. It's a fun and relaxing weekend and serves as a great way to kick-off the summer season! Activities including hiking, a BBQ, pickleball, swimming, axe throwing, and more.



Come for the whole weekend or even just for a few hours. There is no event fee – just pay for your lodging and/or meals. Bring your own meals or RSVP for meals provided by Camp Norge – pick from a-la-carte meal options or the whole weekend package. Lodging is booked separate from meal registration. Choose from staying in the Lodge, Dorms, Cabins, or Tent/RV sites. Sign-up today! See the flyer on the previous page for meal and lodging sign-up information. **See the next page for the weekend schedule.**

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday 5/24

- 5:30-8pm Group Dinner Out (pay on your own) Monte Vista Inn

Saturday 5/25

- 8:30-9:30am Breakfast Heritage Hall
- 9:30-10:30am Welcome & Camp Tour/Walk Meet at Heritage Hall
- 10:30-12:00pm Hike to Lovers Leap (15 minute drive) Meet at Main Lodge
- 12:30-1:30pm Lunch Heritage Hall
- 2:00-4:00pm Pickleball Tournament Heritage Hall
- 2:00-4:00pm Kid's Activities Campfire Ring
- 4:30-5:30pm Happy Hour Heritage Hall
- 5:30-7:00pm BBQ Dinner Heritage Hall
- 8:30-10:00pm Campfire, S'mores & Music Jam Campfire Ring

Sunday 5/26

- 8:30-9:30am Breakfast Heritage Hall
- 10:30-2:00pm Walk & Picnic to Golden Drift Museum Meet at Main Lodge
- 12:30-1:30pm Lunch Heritage Hall
- 2:00-3:30pm Horseshoe Tournament Horseshoe Pit
- 2:00-3:00pm Games & Crafts Social Hall
- 3:30-4:30pm Axe Throwing Horseshoe Pit
- 4:30-5:30pm No Host Happy Hour Heritage Hall
- 5:30-7:00pm Dinner Heritage Hall
- 8:00-9:30pm Movie Night Heritage Hall

Monday 5/27

- 8:30-9:30am Breakfast Heritage Hall
- 12:00pm Clean Up & Depart

Free Time/Ongoing Activities: Swimming, Horseshoes, Corn Hole, Ping Pong, Board Games

Meal	Adult Price	Youth Price (12 & Under)
Saturday Breakfast	\$12	\$6
Saturday Lunch	\$12	\$6
Saturday Dinner	\$18	\$8
Sunday Breakfast	\$12	\$6
Sunday Lunch	\$12	\$6
Sunday Dinner	\$18	\$8
Monday Breakfast	\$10	\$5
Weekend Package	\$75	\$35

**Deadline to register for meals is 5/19. Lodging accommodations are made separately.*

Note: the bear-wrestling contest has been cancelled.





Camp

TROLLFJELL & FOLKEHØGSKULE

AT CAMP NORGE ALTA, CA

Saturday Dates

Camp application available at
<https://sofn6.org/arv/folkehogskule-registration/>
 Lodge scholarship application in previous editions of
 Navigator or at sonsofnorwaysacramento.com.

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Help build the “Hygge Hus” at Camp Norge!

The Recreation Center Board is excited to announce the launch of our 2024 fundraising campaign to build the “**Hygge Hus**” (Cozy House) cottage adjacent to Heritage Hall at **Camp Norge**. This duplex unit will consist of two apartments, each featuring a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, and a front room for hanging out. **Importantly, these fully accessible units will ensure inclusivity for individuals using wheelchairs and walkers.**

For decades, we've shared the heartache of our aging and disabled guests who, due to terrain and room limitations, are unable to join us at Camp. We want to turn that around.

But we need your help!

Our vision includes constructing the **Hygge Hus** in the parking area behind Heritage Hall, connected by a level, paved walkway, so our older or disabled guests can join the fun.

But here's where you come in! We're seeking your generous support to make our effort a success. The fundraising campaign will run throughout the year, culminating at the District Six Convention in Las Vegas this Summer. Let's come together to build the **Hygge Hus** and make **Camp Norge** a haven for all, regardless of age or ability.

Watch for more news about the Build the Hygge Hus Campaign.

Contact any member of the Camp Norge Board, or Fred Hymans: fred.hymans@gmail.com

FINLAND, RUSSIA AND NORWAY SHARE BORDERS

Now that Finland is a part of NATO, the country has armed border guards on skis patrolling their common 830-mile border with Russia. They are also employing helicopters and drones along newly constructed 13-foot high fences along this border – the longest border NATO nations now have with Russia.

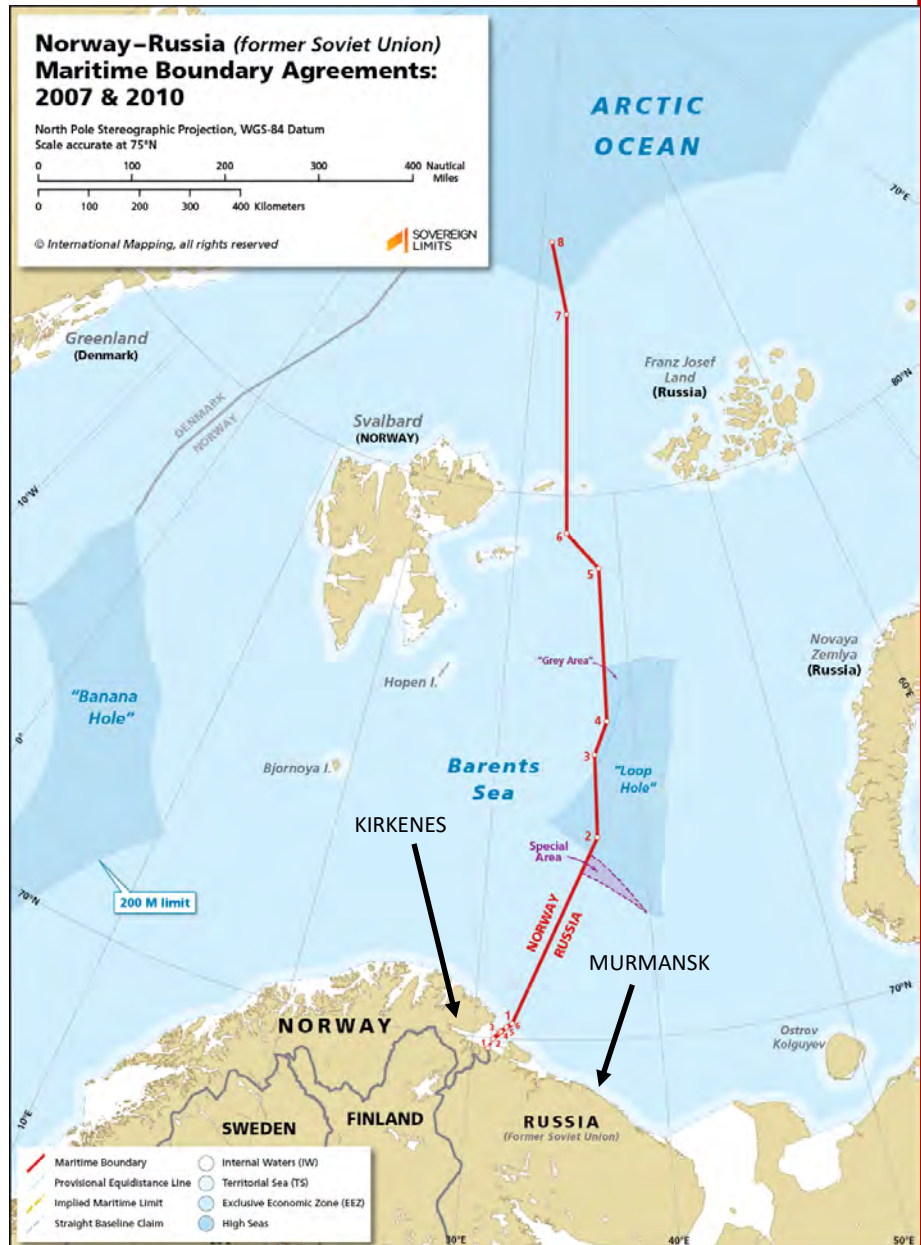
The Finns reportedly feel the Russians have been provocative in several ways, including pushing waves of immigrants toward Finland in an effort to destabilize the country.

It should be noted that Norway's much shorter (122 miles*) border with Russia is simply an extension of the Russian / Finnish border, and Russian maneuvers are of concern to Norway as well.

In a perhaps related matter, a new Russian port facility is being constructed in Murmansk, Russia, a mere 145 miles from Kirkenes, the largest Norwegian town in the area. The project is being financed by Bulgaria. The facility should be operating by 2028 and is expected to handle 25-30 million tons of cargo annually.

Russia, in general, expects to be much more active in this far north area in the coming years. **(Info from articles in the Wall Street Journal. Your editor will email copies to any member who requests them via email.)**

*Norway and Russia also share a 1000+mile Maritime Border through the Barents Sea.





Slektforskningsklubb
Fjell dalen Lodge #6-162
Highlands Ranch – Fjell dalen.com



**SONS of
 NORWAY**

Slektforskningsklubb

American / Nordic Genealogy

Summer / Fall 2024 Schedule

The Fjell dalen Slektforskningsklubb - the *Sons of Norway Genealogy Club* - is involved with both Nordic and general genealogy and discusses how to find and use research tools while working on practical examples. Help sessions usually occur for the last half of each meeting.

All meetings are open to Everyone who wants to attend!

The Slektforskningsklubb meets on ZOOM at 9:30 am on the first Saturday of the month.



<https://www.fjell dalen.com/genealogy-class>

Summer / Fall 2024 Meeting Schedule:

- May 4th – How to Back up your Data
- June 1st – Entomology of Norwegian Names
- July 6th – **No Class**
- August 3rd – Practical - Passenger Ships and Immigrant Lists and Shipping Agent
- September 7th – Using Spreadsheets for Genealogy
- October 5th – Practical - Passenger Ships and Immigrant Lists and Shipping Agent
- November 2nd – How to use a Bygdebok (Farm Book Compilation)
- December 7th - WikiTree and MyHeritage Web Sites – Sites used in Scandinavia

For questions or information - send an email to:

Genealogy@fjell dalen.com



On their website you can find all past classes including “hand-out” material.—Ed.

CAMP OLDFJELL – 5TH YEAR!

A camp experience for those too old to attend the youth camps!

(Open to all 18 years and older.)

Saturday, September 21 through Tuesday, September 24, 2024

(Meals served Friday dinner through Wednesday breakfast)
Weekend only sessions or the 4-day session – to accommo-



2024

Saturday, September 21
to
Tuesday, September 24

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Visit sofm6.org for the latest information.

UPCOMING ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE EVENTS

Friday, May 17: Syttende Mai; 95th Anniversary
See flyer this issue.

Saturday, August 3: Lodge Picnic (more info to come)

Sunday Sept. 8th: Lodge BBQ;
Camper presentations.

50th Anniversary 1974-2024
Scandinavian Festival

Tickets
FOOD · LIVE MUSIC · SHOPPING
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES · DEMOS

FEATURING
ABBA Fab, Storyteller "True Thomas,"
Ann-Marita Garsed, Encampments & More!

May 18-19, 2024
THOUSAND OAKS, CA
SCANDINAVIANFEST.ORG

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At Cal-Lutheran University, if you happen to be traveling to that area...

Usual Lodge Meeting Location: San Juan Masonic Lodge, 5944 San Juan Avenue, Citrus Heights, 95610. (NEC San Juan Avenue and Northlea Way, north of Madison Ave. and two long blocks south of Greenback Lane. Coordinates: 38.67425° N, 121.29191° W)