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**Sundfjord Lodge # 65**

**March 2007**

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## President's Message

Hello, and welcome to the members of Sundfjord Lodge, our extended subscribers throughout the 6<sup>th</sup> District and beyond, and visitors to our website [www.sundfjord.org](http://www.sundfjord.org)

A few days ago I participated with our Audit Committee, Ruth Higley and Jim Stewart, and Lodge Secretary Lise Fleming in a marathon Annual Audit and Lodge of the Year Report meeting.

The good news is that we are doing very well with our finances, and are money ahead for 2006. Always the best way to be! Our recently established crafts boutique has also yielded funds that will be used for Adopt-A-School purposes. Are you wondering why we haven't been having raffles!

The Lodge of the Year report was also pretty good. We are doing a lot to present ourselves to the public, and have fun doing it.

I was reminded though that one of our charitable goals was to help out the food bank at the Rock of the Foothills Church by bringing our donations of canned goods. I hope you'll take the time to sort through your pantry and cupboards, and find something to bring to help those in need. If you bring it to the meeting, or drop it off at the church any other time, it will be greatly appreciated.

Nic Sanburg

## Meeting Location

**Rock of the Foothills Church**

**4630 Wheeler Ave**

**LaVerne, CA 91750**

*Second Saturday at 12:00 Noon.*

## Vice President's Message

"Beware the ides of March...." Shakespeare must have been thinking of Southern California when he wrote that. We don't know if we should expect rain, snow or 80 degree sunshine.

But did we not have a fantastic turnout at our February meeting? Every seat was taken and the food was delicious as usual.

The cultural presentation and photos of the Norwegian Elk Hound makes me want to get one. What beautiful dogs! Lets all keep in mind our goal for 2007 of everyone bringing in a new member this year. Who knows, we may have the lucky winner of the membership contest among us.

Thanks to all who helps in making Sundfjord such a terrific lodge.

Pauline Pederson

**Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!**

## Kalender (Coming Events) 2007

### March:

- 11 -Daylight-Saving Time Begins
- 13 -Shakers Fundraiser in Glendale for Camp Norge
- 17 -95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner Valhall Lodge, San Diego
- 31 -Solbakken Lodge Lute-Fisk and Meatball Dinner

### April:

- 14 -Sundfjord's Meeting
- 14 -Western Night at Peer Gynt Lodge  
Past President Club Meeting 3:00 pm  
Southern Kretsstevne Meeting 4:00 pm
- 21/22 -Scandinavian Festival at Cal Lutheran University
- 28/29 -Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge

### May:

- 5 -Yard Sale
- 12 -Sundfjord's Meeting
- 13 -Mother's Day
- 17 -"Syttende Mai" Celebrations
- 20 -17<sup>th</sup> of May Celebrations at Nansen Field
- 25-28 -Memorial Day weekend At Camp Norge

### June:

- 8 -Sundfjord's Meeting

### July:

- 4 -Sundfjord Booth at Claremont Park
- 14 -Summer Party at The Deeb's in Canyon Lake

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### Gratulerer med dagen

(Happy Birthday)

#### March

15.....Char Nelson  
16.....Marilyn Johnson  
31.....Bill Deeb

#### April

4.....Erik Melgaard  
15.....Dave Oyen  
19.....Berit Givens

### God Bedring

(Get Well)

We wish "god bedring" and speedy recovery to Char Nelson. We are also happy to see that Helen Cox is back on her feet again.

(Please let us know if any of our members are under the weather)

### Oops.....

In last month's group photo from our cruise, Pauline Pederson's name somehow "slid" off the page. Pauline is seated in the front row, number 4 from left. Editor apologizes!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale

Don't forget that we need your items for the Yard Sale. The date for our Yard Sale is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope you all have started to clean out your closets and garage for items to donate to the yard sale. All items have to be in a clean and usable condition and we do not accept clothing. If you have large items that need to be picked up, contact Lise Fleming; otherwise items can be brought to the April lodge meetings or be dropped off at Lise's home but please call first to make sure she is home. Volunteers are needed the week before the sale to sort and price the items.

### Sports Medals

Congratulations to Jim Stewart who earned the Enamel "gangmerket" by walking 360 miles, to Agnes Deeb who earned the Gold "gangmerket" by walking 270 miles and to Mary Stewart for being the first member in our 1,000 mile Club. Mary was presented a Norwegian/American flag pin.

### New Family Addition

Congratulations to Berit and Mark Givens who had a little baby girl in February. We are all looking forward to meet our new Heritage member.

### Summer Party at Bill and Agnes Deeb's Home

Agnes and Bill Deeb will again this year host our annual summer party at their home in Canyon Lake. The date for the party is Saturday, July 14th starting at 12:00 noon so put this date on your calendar. Bring your bathing suit as they have a swimming pool. Food and drinks will be provided. A car pool is available for those who want to attend.

### Sundfjord's Website

For those of you who have computers, check out our website at

[www.sundfjord.org](http://www.sundfjord.org)



Heritage member Paige Pederson, age 6, (granddaughter of Pauline Pederson) shows off her bunad.

One hundred first graders at Solario Elementary School in Fontana, California celebrated Heritage Night. They performed and sang songs from the different countries, even Swahili.

Paige is learning many things about her Norwegian ancestry and heritage.

### Daylight-Saving Time

This year the Daylight-Savings Times begins earlier than previous years.

On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> move your clocks forward ONE hour

### News from Camp Norge

Construction of a new social hall will begin this spring as soon as weather permits. This new construction will be located near the meadow on what is referred to as the PAD, a flat area making handicap access easier.

The building will have a full kitchen, seating for 100 and a deck overlooking the creek.

Camp Norge offers both camping and room accommodations and is becoming a popular place for family reunions, member sponsored church and club groups. The first "cozy cabin" was completed last fall; the second one will come up this spring and the third one later this year.

Camp Norge is available for use to all 6<sup>th</sup> District Sons of Norway members. It is located in Alta, California (between Sacramento and Reno).

Memorial Day Weekend May 25-28, 2007 at Camp Norge is a popular and fun event with activities for the whole family.

### Everyone in the Nordic Region Should Speak Swedish

Jogvan vid Keldu, Nordic Council representative for the Faroe Islands, presented a controversial proposal during the Council's meeting in Copenhagen a few days ago.

"Swedish is the biggest of all the Nordic languages. Therefore it is most logical that everyone learn Swedish," he said, according to the Swedish daily Aftonbladet.

He does not expect the other countries' governments will be calling him in excitement over the proposal.

"I will probably be burdened with contacting the different governments to get an answer," says the Faroe Islander, who belongs to the nationalist Folkaflokkurin party.

Jogvan vid Keldu thinks that the switch to Swedish is necessary to stop Anglicization.

"If we are going to succeed in resisting the dominating position of English, we must do this. Otherwise we north-dwellers are going to end up speaking English to each other in twenty years. The common Nordic identity would thereby be lost."

"This is of course a classic bleak picture of the future. But the threat is real enough, we shouldn't minimize it" says language-celebrity Petter Schjerven, from the NRK TV program "Typisk Norsk".

He explains that this was also a major theme in the first season of "Typisk Norsk", and expresses great sympathy for the proposal from the Faroe Islands. But he doesn't believe it's going to go through.

"I have my doubts" about switching to Swedish, he says, and adds:

"But it would be easier than it was to introduce driving on the right side of the road." (Sweden switched to the right side in 1967).

Norwegian-Swedish Elisabeth Andreassen was born in Sweden but lives in Norway and speaks both languages. She doesn't think the idea is good.

"I think one should hold on to their individuality, it is important to know one's roots and traditions," she told Aftonbladet

Anne Marte Bundeheim and Even Tei Mansen

### **Barnas Hjørne**

(Kid's Corner)

#### **"Holmenkoll Dagen"**

(The Holmenkollen Day)

This annual ski jump competition is like the second National Day in Norway. The Royal Family is always present and thousand of enthusiastic Norwegian sports fans make sure that there is a great atmosphere. This year's competition is held March 18, 2007 with the world's best jumpers competing.



Where is this ski jump located? It's located in Oslo, Norway. It opened in 1892, it's been renovated 18 times (mainly in 1952, but the last time was in 1982). Oh, and did I mention that it's the subject of this article? I hope you learn something new about the Holmenkollen ski jump.

The Holmenkollen ski jump is the host to the world's second oldest ski competition still in existence. Since the first competition in 1892, the crowds have increased to over 100,000 and the jump has been extended 18 times.

Today's tower extends 60 meters above ground, and 417 meters above sea level. The current length record of 136 meters was achieved by Tommy Ingebrigtsen of Norway on January 25, 2006.

The first competition was watched by a crowd of 10,000. These 10,000 people watched the length achieved by the winner, Svein Sollid from Morgedal in Telemark, was 21.5 meters.

In 1923, the Holmenkollen Ski Museum, located at the base of the ski jumping tower, opened. As of 2006, it's the oldest ski museum in the world. Also, at the ski jump, there is a small virtual entertainment device which allows you to see and feel how the ski jumpers ski.

During it's time as a ski arena, it has served host to nine different Nordic skiing and biathlon world championships, including the 1952 Winter Olympics.

The Holmenkollen ski jump is one of the smallest in the World Cup Tournament and the International Ski Federation made it clear that the current hill isn't big

enough and needs to be bigger. They will demolish the hill and build a couple new hills in its place. The new ski jump is going to have less steep in run, artificial refrigeration of the in run, a reconstructed lower part of the jump to the end of the run, lights for evening jumps, a new elevator for the jumpers, wind protection measurers for the jumpers, new spectator grand stands, an improved loud speaker system, and a new scoreboard. Not to mention a "safer" jump. This new jump will be built this spring (2007).

I hope you learned something new, because I know I did!

Heritage Member

Irene Davis, 12 years old

#### **And the Oscar goes to.....**



#### **Torill Kove from Norway**

It has been 55 years since a Norwegian won an Oscar. In 1952, Thor Heyerdahl won an Oscar for his documentary "Kon-Tiki".

Torill Kove won her Oscar in the Short Animated Film category with a film called "Den Danske Poeten" (the Danish Poet). The film is about a Danish poet who gets a bad case of writer's block and travels to Norway to seek inspiration from his idol, the Nobel Prize-winning author Sigrid Undset.

The film premiered at the Berlin Film Festival last February and has since won several international prizes.

The film was produced by the Norwegian company Mikrofilm AS, in cooperation with the National Film Board of Canada.

In her acceptance speech, Torill said that she wanted to thanks Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann, who narrated the film and for all the founders and supporters in Norway.

Torill is originally from Hamar, Norway, but lately has been living in Montreal, Canada.

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Language/Heritage Camp

Children and/or grandchildren of Sons of Norway 6<sup>th</sup> District members are eligible to attend 2 weeks summer camp at Camp Norge, Alta, California. Age requirement is 8 years of age through 13 at the time camp begins. This years Camp dates are July 8 to 21, 2007. See your lodge secretary for more information or visit [www.campnorge.com](http://www.campnorge.com)

### Scholarships

6<sup>th</sup> District is offering scholarships to Concordia Language Camp Summer Session "Skogfjorden" in the amount of \$ 1445.00 each, for two campers over the age of 13 who have attended Camp Norge Language/Heritage Camp. Interested members can get a scholarship application from your lodge secretary. Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by May 5, 2007. Visit website [www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.com](http://www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.com) for information on "Skogfjord".

6<sup>th</sup> District will award three \$ 1,000.00 scholarships to members in good standing, their children or grandchildren in any lodge in the 6<sup>th</sup> District, who attends an accredited college or university in the USA as a fulltime undergraduate in their sophomore, junior or senior year and have a grade point average of 2.5 or better on a scale wherein A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. These scholarships can also be awarded to those students in their sophomore, junior or senior year of any accredited four-year program at a community college in the USA. When an applicant is deemed worthy a scholarship (recommended by the 6<sup>th</sup> District Scholarship Committee and approved by the 6<sup>th</sup> District Board) the funds will be paid directly to the student. Those interested in applying may get the application from members of the 6<sup>th</sup> District Scholarship Committee. Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by May 5, 2007.

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### Viking 23

#### What is Viking 23?

The Viking 23 is a simple, economical way to introduce children to the benefits offered by Sons of Norway. It is a way for parents, grandparents and other relatives to help the next generation learn about the importance of owning life insurance. Viking 23 provides increasing term coverage that is automatically converted to a whole life certificate at age 23.

#### Who is Eligible for Viking 23?

Children age 17 or younger are eligible for Viking 23. The owner of the certificate must be a Sons of Norway member.

#### How does Viking 23 work?

Certificate owners make a one-time payment (\$ 300 for one unit or \$ 550 for two units) which provides an increasing insurance benefit, reaching \$ 25,000 per unit at age 23. The amount of insurance then remains level for life. At age 23, the insured can choose to continue the coverage and build cash value by paying annual premiums, \$ 300 for one unit, \$ 550 for two units.

**\*Call your field staff representative Dennis Burreson at (800) 448-2499 or (760) 247-9003 to learn more about Viking 23 or any other financial products offered by Sons of Norway.**

### Reminders:

#### Shakers in Glendale:

**What** - Southland Past President Club's fundraiser to provide campership for children of the 6<sup>th</sup> District to attend Language/Heritage camp at Camp Norge.

**When** - March 13, 2007 between the hours of 3 - 9 pm

**Where** - Shakers Restaurant, 801 N. Central Ave, Glendale, CA, a family style restaurant.

Bring your family, friends (enemies?), neighbors etc, (you do not have to be a Sons of Norway member to participate) and tell the server that you are with the Sons of Norway group. 20% of your tab will go towards the campership that SPPC awards children attending the 2 week summer camp.

#### Western Night at Peer Gynt Lodge:

**When:** April 14, 2007 starting at 5:00 pm.

**Where:** Peer Gynt Hall, 3835 Watseka Ave, Culver City, CA.

**What** - B.B.Q dinner and dancing

**Cost** - \$ 15.00 per person

**\*Sundfjord Lodge will have a car pool to both events so let Lise know if you plan to attend.**

### How Red Wing Became America's Ski Jump Birthplace

Red Wing department store owner Christian H. Boxrud did not have the look of a sports world revolutionary, and he did not consider himself one. But in 1886, the Norwegian immigrant assumed leadership of the city's Aurora Ski Club, a fledgling group of Norwegians eager to bring competitive "ski running," Norway's new and popular sport to Minnesota.

Unknowingly, this small group of Red Wing men touched off a chain of events that produced a sport new to America – ski jumping.

Norwegians traditionally saw skiing as a smart and practical way to get around in the winter. Naturally, the best skiers raced with each other to test their skills in cross country and down hill runs.

In the early 1880's, Norwegians set up ski tournaments, including the King's Cup challenge, bringing together the nation's top skiers. Such events soon became popular with the public.

Norwegian emigrants set up ski teams in the U.S., including Red Wing's Aurora Ski Club – the second to be started in America. Those supporters of skiing staged loosely organized ski jumping exhibitions and tournaments, usually in Midwest near Norwegian-American communities.

Aurora Ski Club held its first major Red Wing tournament in 1887 during which Mikkel Hemmestvedt, the 1886 winner of Norwegian King's Cup and newly arrived from Norway, stole the show. The 24-year-old dazzled the audience and established the first recognized American ski jump record. He sailed 37 feet on the McSorley Street hill and earned \$ 35 in gold for his effort. Hammerstvedt also rated as a master cross country skier, a fact proven when he crushed challengers during distance runs. American audiences, however, preferred ski jumping's excitement, causing the cross country component of U.S. tournaments in the later 1800s to disappear.



Mikkel and Torjus Hemmestvedt

Christian Boxrud saw the opportunity to make Red Wing the ski capital of the U.S. with the addition of the brothers Mikkel and Torjus Hemmestvedt as athletes and coaches. It took him 2 years, but Boxrud finally in 1889 landed both brothers promising them jobs in his furniture company where they could also make and sell skis. This gave Red Wing Aurora Ski Club national leadership status in the sport. Aurora and the Hemmestvedt brothers worked to make their favorite winter activity a sport. Boxrud saw the need for a set of standards for ski jumping and a governing body to police them. A six-point ski jumping scoring system was developed based on style and jump length that reflected the sport's Norwegian traditions and this system was first being used in the Red Wing 1890 tournament.

15 years later, the National Ski Association – America's first governing body of the sport – adopted, with a few modification, the Red Wing scoring system.

In 1890, Boxrud represented the Red Wing and Aurora at the St. Paul meeting that created the Central Ski Association, (CSA) the nations first ski sport organization.

At the first CSA tournament in Ishpeming, Michigan, the Red Wing ski talent blew away any question of Aurora's superiority. The 1891 event, touted as America's "first national" ski jumping event turned into the Mikkel and Torjus show, they were the "Sky Crashers" from Red Wing.



Aurora's ski team that took top honors in the first Central Ski Association tournament in 1891. Left to right; Paul Honningstad, Mikkel Hemmestvedt, Torjus Hemmestvedt and Berger Hjermsstad.

During the crushing 1893 economic depression, the CSA folded but Red Wing remained a leader in the sport. The next generation of Red Wing ski jumpers built on the city's tradition in the sport. The Aurora All Americans was rated as the nations best ski jumpers until WW I. The city returned to the skiing spotlight in 1928 and again in 1936 as host of the U.S. Nationals. A 1947 history of U.S. skiing history illustrated the importance of Red Wing in the first days of U.S. ski jumping.

The Red Wing received the endorsement of the position as the birthplace of ski jumping in the United States.

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