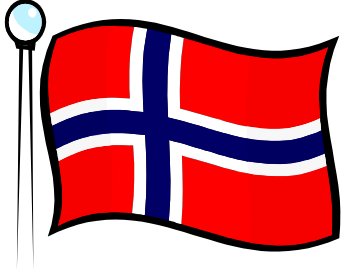


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Sundfjord Lodge # 65

May 2008

First Place winner at the 2005 – 2006 District Convention



Meeting Location:
Rock of the Foothills Church
4630 Wheeler Ave
La Verne, CA 91750

Second Saturday at 12:00 Noon

Coming Events

(Kalender)

May:

- 16 -Syttende Mai in San Bernardino
- 16 -Syttende Mai in Long Beach
- 17 -Syttende Mai at the Seaman's Church in San Pedro
- 18 -Syttende Mai at Nansen Field

June:

- 14 -Sundfjord's Meeting
- 25/28 -District 6 Convention San Ramon, CA

July:

- 4 -4th of July booth in Claremont Park
- NO Sundfjord Meeting**
- 13/26 -Language/Heritage Children's Camp at Camp Norge

August:

- NO Sundfjord Meeting**
- 27/30 -International Convention in San Diego

President's Message

I'd like to thank Lise and Pauline, and everyone else for letting me escape the April meeting early and go home to rest. I did. About 8 hours, had a bowl of soup, and back to bed for the next 8 hours as well. After another 3 days, I was about as normal as I get, again. It was quite a testimonial to the depth of leadership skills that run in our lodge! Thanks again!

It's time to get busy. We have a Yard Sale to put on, a variety of 17th of May activities we can participate in, and a District Convention to attend and participate in. We also need to plan some fun for our "off" month of August. If you have a great idea for for an outing, let's hear it! Road-trips, rail-trips, boat-trips, ball games, golf matches, or other Viking sports are all good choices. How about a good picnic and concert in the park? Sound off if you have a good idea!

Nic Sanburg

Vice President's Message

Congratulations to Sundfjord on another successful Yard Sale. Thanks to all those who worked so hard for 3 days to make our annual fundraising event worthwhile. This is our only fundraiser for the year and it supports all the activities of our lodge. We were blessed with great weather and that helped bring out all the buyers.

I hope you all have made your reservations for the 17th of May celebration in San Bernardino. This is always a great event with a delicious lunch following the flag hoisting ceremony. We are proud of the great attendance we have enjoyed at our recent lodge meetings. Lots of guests and visitors have really packed the room. Keep up the good work in spreading the word about Sons of Norway!

Pauline Pederson

**Hurra for
syttende
mai.**



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May

5.....	Ashley Davis
10.....	Jim Stewart
13.....	Melissa Melgaard
15.....	Stanley Lunde
28.....	Corey Hanson

June

1.....	Lise Fleming
2.....	Jack Pederson
4.....	Signe Odegaard
6.....	Cherri Grammer
6.....	Don Hokonson
9.....	Mary Jo Martinsen
10.....	Trygve Givens
11.....	Art Aslesen
18.....	Rachel Deeb
21.....	Ruth Shellum

God Bedring

(Get Well)



We wish Kathy Cox and Pauline Pederson a speedy recovery.

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

Lodge Directory

The Lodge Directory Committee, an ad hoc few that are working to assemble a current (2008) Lodge Directory would like to offer everyone a chance to have any personal information you want included in your entry in the directory. A short greeting, the family hometown in Norway, or any other short sentiment can be included. Note the requirement to keep it short!

Contact Art Aslesen, Nic Sanburg, or Lise Fleming at the May or June meeting, or by e-mail at our addresses listed in the newsletter or at the website, www.sunfjord.org Also, in keeping with the Sons of Norway Private Policy, no information, with the exception of your name as a lodge member will be put in the Directory if you don't wish to have it included.

The Directory is for the exclusive use of our lodge members ONLY, and will not be distributed to anyone outside the Lodge. It is for information only, to promote communication within the Lodge, and may not be used for any commercial purpose. Contact Art, Nic, or Lise if you wish to opt out, otherwise your name, postal address, phone, e-mail, and birthday will appear in the Directory, along with your photo, if we have it.

Nic Sanburg

Gratulerer med dagen

(Happy Birthday)

Yard Sale Pix



Pauline Pederson, Agnes Deeb and Char Nelson



Cash box operators Nic Sanburg and Erik Fleming



Front: Mary Stewart and Agnes Deeb
Far rear: Art Aslesen and Jim Stewart

El Roble Color Guard Performance

In appreciation of our donation to the El Roble Color Guard, the team will perform their Winter Guard Competition for Sundfjord Lodge on **May 10th at 1:00 p.m.** We are looking forward to their performance.

Sundfjord's 2009 Cruise

7-day Mexican Riviera

We invite all lodges to join our cruise

Ports of calls are Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta on the ship "Mariner of the Seas" from the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. The ship leaves from San Pedro harbor on **March 15, 2009**



Passports are required

Inside rooms start at \$ 799.00 + tax and fees

Ocean view rooms start at \$ 1,149.00 + tax and fees

Balcony rooms starts at \$ 1,249.00 + tax and fees

Suite starts at \$ 1,649.00 + tax and fees

These prices are per person based on double occupancy

For us to be seated together in the dining room, the cruise line requests that **ONE** person from our group makes all the reservations.

Sundfjord's Vice President Pauline Pederson will be in charge of making your reservation. A deposit of \$ 250.00 per person is required for her to make your reservation.

Make checks payable to **Pauline Pederson.**

When your reservation is made, you will receive your confirmation/reservation number from Pauline. Then go on the **www.royalcaribbean.com** web site and click on "visit your reservation", then enter your

confirmation/reservation number and complete the registration form. At that time it will give you your cabin number.

The balance you will owe needs to be paid by **January 4, 2009** and you can do it on the Royal Caribbean web site with your credit card.

Insurance is an additional \$ 59.00 per person for inside cabin, \$ 79.00 per person for outside and balcony, and \$ 109.00 for suite per person. It is recommended that you take out insurance in case something unforeseen should happen.

**No reservations accepted after
November 1, 2008**

For more information or any questions contact Pauline at **PEDERSONPAULINE@aol.com**

Can you help?

Agnes Deeb found this photo which was taken of Sundfjord's officers at the joint installation with Nortuna lodge # 55 in 1967. We need your help in identify the people in this photo.



Kultur Hjørnet

(Cultural Corner)

The Norwegian Constitution Day or "grunnlovsdagen" commonly known as "Syttende Mai" (17th of May) is a celebration of the day in 1814 when Norway's Constitution was signed in the town of Eidsvoll, Norway.



Constitutional assembly

1814

The Norwegian Constitution is founded on 3 principles:

1. The principle of the sovereignty of the people
2. The principle on the separation of powers
3. The principle of human rights

Denmark and Sweden had always been the more powerful of the Scandinavian countries and both had earlier ruled Norway. Earlier, the name of Norway's capital city **Oslo** was changed to Christiania after the Danish King Christian Fredrik IV. Later when Norway gained its constitution, Norway changed the name of its capital city back to **Oslo**.

Barnetoget

(The children's parade)

Each year on "Syttende Mai" Norwegian school children fills the streets with cheers and flags and parades through the cities.

In Oslo, the children's parade march up Karl Johan gaten (main street), to the Royal Palace where the Royal family waves to the children passing by from the palace balcony.

In contrast to other countries which celebrate their constitution or independents day with big and massive military parades, people in Norway have chosen to show off their pride and hope for the future...their children. So "Syttende Mai" is mainly the Children's Day and is the most important celebration in Norway. The children look forward to march in the "barnetoget" (children's parade) and stuff themselves on ice cream, pølser (hot dogs), cake and brus (pop drink).



School children passing the Royal palace

Russetoget

One of the highlights to see in the afternoon is the "russetoget".

(the russ parade).

A "russ" is a student in his/her last year of upper secondary school and they celebrate the end of 13 years of school even though many still have to pass their final exam.

Depending on their choice of education, some of these students wear red caps and others blue.

They are in high spirits, do pranks against each other and their teachers; leave their mark on the celebration that lasts for days.



Oslo bans foreign flags from its

17th of May parade

Norwegian flag waving has long played a major role in the country's Constitution Day celebrations on the 17th of May. A move to integrate foreign flags into Oslo's main parade has flatly been rejected.

A group representing immigrants in Norway thought children with roots in other countries should be able to wave their own national flags in the parade that involves every school in the city. The group also claims that these children also should be encouraged to wear their native costumes from their homelands, just like the Norwegians wear their national costumes known as the *bunad*.

More than 35 % of Oslo school students have non-Norwegian ethnic background. In some schools, the so-called "minorities" make up the majority of the student body.

It was up to the city official 17th of May Committee to decide whether students from immigrant background would be allowed to wave their own homelands' flags in the city parade. The spokes person for the immigrant group, Athar Ali, believes it would add integration efforts, the Committee disagree.

"Only Norwegian flags, Sami flags and the UN flag can be used in the 17th of May parade in the capital," said Amir Sheik, leader of the city's 17th of May Committee who has an immigration background himself.

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Letter from the Recreation Center Camp Norge

To: Members of the Local Lodges in District 6.

In an effort to be sure that all members of District 6 are familiar with the District's Recreation Center at Camp Norge, the Board of Directors are asking each lodge choose on of its own active, enthusiastic and efficient member to be the **Camp Norge Ambassador** for their lodge.

This special chosen person will receive information from the Manager at Camp with respect to the calendar of events, special activities, and opportunities for members to enjoy their recreation center which is owned and supported by all members of District 6.

This special chosen person, your Camp Norge Ambassador, will also receive the minutes and financial statements as they are distributed to the lodges.

With the appointment of a Camp Norge Ambassador from each lodge, it is the hope of the Board that all members, new and current, will become familiar with all that Camp Norge has to offer.

We ask that you add the "report of the Camp Norge Ambassador" to your monthly agenda for your

meetings.

Please send the name and address, including the e-mail address, of your Camp Norge Ambassador to the **Manager, Camp Norge, P.O. Box 622, Alta, CA 95701.** Thanks for your interest and cooperation.

Harold Bjerkhoel
President
Recreation Board of Directors

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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

May 23 - 26, 2008



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RV or tent camping

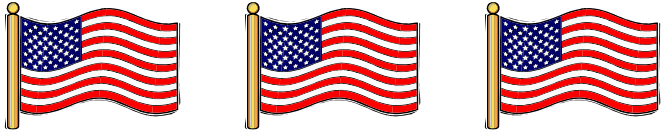
Please note:
No prepared meals available this year

Swimming Pool ~ Ping Pong ~ Volley Ball
Basketball ~ Horseshoes
Children's playground

Drive a short distance to:
Gold Country Historic Sites ~ Hiking Trails ~ Fishing
Biking ~ Museums
Maps and information are available



Volunteers needed for the 4th of July Booth



Put this date on your calendar!

For the 4th year, our lodge will again have an information booth during the 4th of July celebrations at Memorial Park in Claremont.

The purpose for this is to get the Sons of Norway organization, our local lodge out to the public and have a membership drive.

We display Norwegian items, literature, pamphlets, have a sign-up list and answer questions.

Set-up time starts at 8:30 AM and the event goes from 10 AM to 4:00 PM. We need our members to help with set-up and also to spend a couple of hours in the booth.



Previous Sons of Norway booth in Memorial Park

Morsomheter

(Funny Jokes)

Ole and Lena went to the hospital for the birth of their first child. As Ole waited in the lobby, the doctor came out to inform him that he had some good news and some bad news. "The good news is that you have a normal baby boy. The bad news is that it's a Caesarian." Ole started crying, "Vell, I'm glad it's a healthy baby, but I was kinda hoping it would be Norwegian."

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Lena was being interviewed for a maid's job with a very wealthy, persnickety woman, who asked her, "Do you have any religious views?" "No," said Lena, "but I've got some nice pictures of Norway."

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Lena got angry and went to court where she was awarded a divorce. The judge said to Ole, "I have decided to give your wife \$400 a month for support." "Vell, dat's fine, Judge," said Ole. "And vunce in a while I'll try to chip in a few bucks myself."

Ole and Lena went to the Olympics. While sitting on a

bench a lady turned to Ole and asked, "Are you a pole vaulter?"

Ole replied, "No, I'm Norwegian and my name ain't Valter."

Nyheter fra Norge

(News from Norway)

Fish-dogs for Dinner?????

A major food producer in Norway is sinking major amounts of money into developing a palatable hotdog made out of salmon.



These guys seem to like the "salmon-dogs".... or are they just putting on a brave face?

Not such a bad idea, considering the price of export salmon has fallen for the fifth week in a row, according to the State Central Statistics Bureau (SSB).

Add to that the growing desire of many parents to get more fish into their kids, and the timing seems right.

From his hometown of Frøya in Sør Trøndelag, multi-millionaire fish-farming king Gustav Witzøe thinks investing 40 million Norwegian kroner (USD 8 millions) in a cooperation with package-food producer Mills is going to reap rich rewards – a parent's dream and a new market for his fish-farming industry.

Witzøe promises that the very authentic-looking sausage doesn't bear any resemblance to fish – not in appearance nor in taste.

After all, a hotdog (or sausage) gets its special flavor from the seasoning used in preparing them.

In a land that produces three times as much salmon as meat, this is the way of the future, thinks Witzøe.

And with more and more people looking to cut down their meat intake, the marketing shouldn't be so difficult.

The company has also developed salmon burgers and salmon balls, but they say these are "allowed: to retain their taste of fish. Not so for the hotdogs. This is where the kids really get taken in....or so they hope.

And who knows, maybe the grown-ups will like them just as much as the kids?

Aftenposten

Grand Opening of Oslo's Opera House

King Harald V opened Norway's long-awaited national opera house on the shores of the Oslo Fjord on Saturday, April 12, 2008, kicking off a gala performance before royalty, national leaders and music lovers.



The opera house rises from the Oslo Fjord east of downtown and anchor newly redeveloped waterfront district known as Bjørvika. It is constructed of glass, white Italian marble, wood and steel, blending several architectural elements.

The cost to Norwegian tax payers are around 4 billion Norwegian kroner which is around 840 million US dollars.

The 2 ½ -hour opening performance featured high-lights from various operas and ballets.

Daily Bulletin

'Smart' electric car gets on track in USA

Norwegian electric-car producer Think is getting a big boost in North America.



Think, which produces the "THINK city", said to be "the only crash-tested and highway-certified" electrical vehicle, has entered into a partnership with leading clean-tech investors RockPort Capital Partners and Kleiner Perkins, Caulfield & Byers.

What's more, Think's newly established office in the US, in Kleiner Perkins' locale in Menlo Park in Silicon Valley, brings the environmentally-friendly company in close contact with Nobel Peace Prize winner Al Gore, who is a partner in Klein Perkins.

"THINK city" is an environmental vehicle, emission free and 95 % recyclable. It reaches a top speed of 100 kilometers (62 miles) per hour and can drive up to 180 kilometer on a single charge.

The "THINK city" is currently produced in Norway, with international sales slated to begin soon in Scandinavia, Switzerland and France. Sales other than initial trail-and-demonstration projects will begin in the

North American market in 2009, says the company.

Aftenposten

Moose Cancelled Ski Race

A traditional ski race in the Norwegian valley of Gudbrandsdalen has been cancelled because there are too many moose in the area. Organizers feared racers would collide with them.

The Heidal sports club has organized the race, called "Rindhova Rundt," for years. The club already purchased the awards to be handed out and appointed staff to run the event.

Around 50 racers take part in the event every year, but this year there is estimated to be as many moose as racers. The moose, it seems, use the same ski trails as the racers, since it is easier for them to move there than in the deep snows of the forest.

Beate Øygården, leader of the Heidal club, said she didn't know whether to laugh or cry over the situation, but realized the prevalence of moose simply represented too great a danger for fast-moving skiers.

"As soon as we prepare the tracks, the moose appear," she told local newspaper *Gudbrandsdølen Dagningen*. "Our crews have observed nearly 400 moose on the trails, so the situation is hopeless."



Aftenposten

Tension between Fishing and Oil Industry

A feverish quest for new sources of oil, fueled by high oil prices, is sparking territorial battles between Norwegian fishing interests and oil exploration firms searching for new reserves in the north and Norwegian seas.

Skirmishes have been taking place for months off the coast of Norway, as fishing vessels try to work the same areas.

Territorial battles have gotten very intense and many fishermen claim that the seismic activity is scaring fish stock

away from formerly rich fields. Angry fishermen told *Aftenposten* that the seismic vessels are acting like "cowboys" on the fishing fields, that the seismic vessels risk colliding with fishing vessels so they now call the police in hope that they will intervene.

Government oil officials claim the fishermen have priority and that the seismic firms are ordered to accord them consideration.

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