

1912—2006



VALHALL LODGE

Meetings at 7:30 pm
first Monday of the month
at the
**East San Diego
Masonic Temple
7849 Tommy Drive
San Diego, CA
92119-1799**

www.lodgeofvalhall.com
www.sofn.com

**Next Business/Social
Meeting:
June 5**

**Newsletter
deadline:
July 1**

Ord fra Presidente

June 2006

The Centennial year of Norway's independence from Sweden has sadly come to an end. I hope that you participated in many the events that were available throughout the year. What a wonderful year celebration! Thanks to all who made the centennial celebration such a success.

But that is not the end of celebrating our links to Norway. We celebrate our Norwegian ties every time we get together, whether it is at a social or a business meeting or just bumping into a friend by chance.

The brunch and bingo social was a great success and it was wonderful to see so many children at the social and enjoying the Easter egg hunt.

Celebrate your Norwegian heritage!

Fraternally,

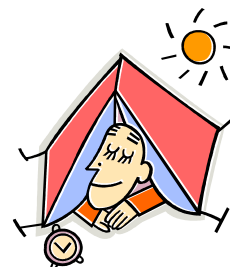
Glen Hagen

Kretsstevne Planning

The Annual Southern California Kretsstevne will be Sept. 22-24 at Thousand Trails, Idyllwild. Registration information will be included in the next Valhall Viking. Note: Sept. 22-24 is not the 3rd weekend, but the 4th.

The Kretsstevne is a weekend camping event where you can enjoy socializing with other Son's of Norway members and appreciate the great outdoors. You can camp in tents, RV's or cabins. More information will be available in the next Valhall Viking.

May 29 (after I already printed out the newsletter) I received the Kretsstevne application—I have put it on page 16 of this electronic version.



S.O.N. VALHALL LODGE 25
EAST S.D. MASONIC LODGE
7849 TOMMY DR. SD CA 92119

JUNE

BUSINESS MEETING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



**Monday June 5, 2006
Business Meeting 7:30 PM**

**Followed by Ice Cream Social
Sandwich fixings...Great Salads and
Ice Cream Sundaes**

**Don't miss the last chance to visit with friends
Before the Summer Break**

DONATIONS \$6.00

History of Father's Day

The inspiration behind the first Father's Day was an actual father. This special father was William Jackson Snart. His completely unselfish devotion in raising his family of six young children after the early death of his wife inspired his daughter, Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, in later years to promote the establishment of Father's Day.



The ministers of Spokane preached Father's Day sermons on Sunday, June 19, 1910.

In the 1930's Father's Day became a national institution by popular demand, and 40 years later an Official National Holiday by joint Congressional Resolution. President Nixon signed the Resolution on April 24, 1972, and issued the first Presidential Father's Day Proclamation that year. Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

From *Notes from Song of Norway*, May/June 2006

Happy Father's Day



Lodge Officers for 2006

President	Glen Hagen	760-798-1193
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Assist. Soc. Director	Ingrid Lindgren	858-277-3376
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Gratulerer Med Dagen!



Fodselsdag Hilsen

June Birthdays

Marit Malarkey	06/2
Robert Leger	6/03
Amanda Kucharczyk	6/04
Arletta Jurinski	6/05
Sara Adams	6/11
Ellen Spitzer	6/11
Karen M.Dirks	6/12
Marcia Winterhouse	6/13
Susan Cody	6/16
Jeanette Rock	6/18
Oskar Evensen	6/20
June Johnson	6/22
Marlene Lesney	6/22
Don Lesney	6/22
Helen Peterson	6/23
Jeanette Kurz	6/23
Alan Svidal	6/23
Mary Hinshaw	6/26
Mark LaBree	6/28
Raymond Johnsen	6/29
Adolf Jacobsen	6/29

Happy Anniversary!

Ola & Karin Brevig	6/2
Reg & Pat Becker	6/13
Sven & Joyce Olsen	6/17
Dean & Lorraine Hurst	6/18
Everett & Jean Shogren	6/20
Marvin & Carol Holm	6/21



You're Invited

Valhall friends of Lorraine Tucker are invited to an Open House in Celebration of her 80th birthday. Come and enjoy! Leave whenever you like!

Date: August 26, 2006.

Time: 2-6 p.m.

Place: Clubhouse, 1219 E. Barham Drive, San Marcos, California

RSVP by August 15,2006 to 760-233-5034.

Directions:

From 1-15:

Take 78 West,
Get off at Nordahl Rd. off-ramp.
Turn left at light, go to Mission Rd.
Right on Mission, get immediately Into left lane –
Turn left onto Barham And continue to 1219. Turn left into Park.

From 1-5

Take 78E, get off at Barham Dr.
Turn left at light and continue east on Barham to 1219.
There is ample parking near clubhouse, or across Barham.(short walk to clubhouse)hanndicap parking available.

Address Changes

Centes Wheeler
6601 Carthage St.
San Diego, CA 92120-2821
(619) 582-2208

Welcome New Member

New Affiliate Member:

Lester R. Twedell, Jr.
4695 Maxwell Ct.
Riverside, CA 92501-3939
(951)781-7735

Recommended by Lorraine Tucker



Editor's Note

The newsletter can now be seen in color on your computer! Visit our website www.lodgeofvalhall.com. You can also e-mail me at valhallnews@san.rr.com, and I will e-mail you the newsletter.

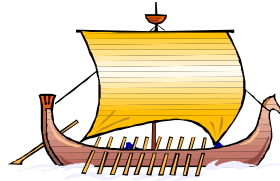
The next newsletter deadline for submitting Articles for our July/August issue is **July 1**

Please plan ahead: we will have only one issue for the months of July and August.
Thanks!

Arlene LaBree



Ladies of Valhall LOV notes...



**Next meeting: June 3, 2006, 9a.m., at Denny's Restaurant in Fletcher Hills.
Hostesses: Lizzie Riiber, Mary Fry, and Ragnhild Amble.**

The meeting was called to order by president Ingrid Lindgren at 9:08 a.m. There were 15 members present and one guest and prospective member, Barbara Daub. It was good to get back to normal after a very exiting and busy month of April. - we were also very happy to see Carol Stewart back in our midst . She has not been able to come for a long time due to illness. Welcome back, Carol!

Secretary's minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

The President read a letter from Cindy Olsen, S.O.N. director of Heritage and Cultural Fund, thanking us for the \$50 contributed in the name of our beloved Dagmar Robinson. Another thank you letter was from Rob Seidner, director of Mingei International Museum. He thanked the Ladies of Valhall for our generous contribution that was applied to the museum's Norway Festival Fund.

Many of us participated or attended the programs that were offered at the Mingei Museum on April 1st and 2nd. We were all in agreement that these two days gave us a wonderful finale to months of busy days since the Norwegian Exhibit opened.

We all learned more about Norwegian Immigrants and what they brought with them to this country from Janet Blohm Pultz, Director of Vesterheim, - we enjoyed Erik Nilsen's beautiful pictures and lecture on Norwegian "stavkirker", and we never get tired of showing off our beautiful *bunads* in a *bunad* parade.

The concert by the Norwegian folk musicians , Steinar Ofsdal + Gjermund and Einar Olav Larsen was spellbinding, and nobody could listen to their music without "tapping their toes".

I understand that the dinner that completed the first day of the festival was outstanding, and of course, the next day, people lined up to meet the princess, Martha Louise, and to buy her book. The ladies of Valhall baked cookies to be served at this event, and quite honestly, had we ever imagined that we would be baking cookies for an event where a real princess was present? think not.

Anne thanked our ladies for helping with the exhibit and the festival. I think we are the ones who need to thank Anne and Lizzie Riiber for all their hard work over such a long period of time, and for making it possible for all of us to take part in all the interesting events. The ladies of Valhall thank both of you for taking us on this wonderful ride!

Good news for Lille Butikken! We have a chairperson! Mary Fry agreed to take on the position this year, and we are delighted. Mary already has so many good ideas, and we know there will be an interesting Lille Butikken come November.

Dale Roybal and Anne Hoidal have looked everywhere for a suitable place for our Christmas luncheon. Prices have gone up since last year, but they had found 2 places that were acceptable. The members present voted for Trattoria Firenze, which is a family restaurant in Clairemont. They serve excellent Italian food, according to Anne and Dale, besides the owner is very young and very good looking, and is willing to go out of his way for us. More about the menu and the program later.

A few LOV members attended Art Alive at the San Diego Museum of Art on April 28. The exhibits were lovely, as usual . Some of our ladies were lucky enough to be background prop for Rod Luck of KUSI TV when he reported from the exhibit.

We have decided to have an approx. 20 minutes program at our monthly meetings, something funny or of interest to our members. If you have ideas please let the board know. At our June meeting Barbara Evje will tell us about her recent trip to Egypt.

See you then! LOV President Ingrid Lindgren.



MINUTES OF VALHALL LODGE BUSINESS MEETING

May 1, 2006

President Glen Hagen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Cultural Report: Ola Brevig gave a presentation, "Norway in 1940, My Personal Experiences."



variations for the *SYTTENDE MAI* social dinner and celebration May 20th, 2006 at the Lodge. Assistant Cultural Director, Sven Olsen, reported that there would be a musical program.

brought forward a motion to get approval from the Lodge members for the Corporations' recommended donations. The motion was approved unanimously.

MINUTES:

Approved as read in the Valhall newsletter.

Visitors: Visitors included Jeanne Groff, Gloria M. Johnson, Robert Hannevik and Margaret Hannevik.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary Kay Wolner summarized the following items of correspondence:

Thank you from Cindy Olson, Director, Sons of Norway Foundation for the \$ 25.00 donation to the District Six Scholarship Fund in memory of Aasta Olsen.

From Marcia Winterhouse, a thank you for the donation to the Sixth District Scholarship Fund in the memory of her husband, John Winterhouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee:

Karin Brevig reported on the very positive response she received on the Brunch and Bingo event. Many children attended and were entertained with numerous craft projects and an egg hunt.

Social Director Judy Sawyer encouraged members to make reser-

Cultural Committee Reports:

Genealogy chairman Jerry Oen reported that twenty-one potential participants attended the first meeting. He announced that a very good manual on Scandinavian genealogy is available for a discount at \$10.00. The next meeting will be 10:00 am. Thursday, May 25th at the Family History Center, 4195 Camino Del Rio South in Mission Valley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The business meeting was recessed for a presentation by the Valhall Lodge Corporation.

Ola Brevig, Corporation President, introduced all officers. Secretary Everett Shogren read the minutes of the last Corporate meeting. Jerry Oen presented the financial condition of the Corporation. A recommendation was given from the Corporation to donate to the Norwegian Seaman's Church, Home of Guiding Hands and the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa. This rounds out the total donations for the year having previously contributed to Camp Norge and the Mingei Museum.

The business meeting reconvened.

NEW BUSINESS

Corporation President Ola Brevig

Financial Report:

Financial Secretary Aprell Waymire and Treasurer Frank Burstrom presented their respective reports, which were submitted for audit.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Robert Hannevik, Zone 6 Director, presented Helga Moore with an award for bringing ten new members into the Sons of Norway. She also received a T-shirt. He expressed his enthusiasm about the success of the new genealogy group and summarized his fondness for genealogy research and described a few of his own findings.

Bob Miller noted that Helga is featured in the Viking Magazine describing her energetic recruiting efforts.

Reg Becker gave a very positive review of the Brunch and Bingo event. He was impressed with the number of children in attendance.

Counselor Helga Moore encouraged members to attend the Norway Constitution Day celebration hosted by the House of Norway at 2:00pm. May 1, 2006. The program will feature a children's parade, singing and dancing. Another ceremony will be held at Sefton Plaza in Balboa Park at 9:00 am. Wednesday May 17,

2006 at which the Norwegian Flag will be raised. A program will follow.

Ingrid Lindgren extended an invitation to all women of the Lodge to attend the LOV meetings held the first Saturday of each month.

President Glen Hagen announced the next business meeting is June 7, 2006.

Meeting adjourned.

Kay Wolner, Secretary



MINUTES OF VALHALL LODGE BOARD MEETING April 18, 2006

President Glen Hagen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Officers present were: Karin Brevig, Ola Brevig, Glen Hagen, Allen Johannesen, Raymond Johnsen, Don Lesney, Jerry Oen, Everett Shogren, James Wolner and Kay Wolner.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the January 24th 2006 Board Meeting were approved as printed in the Valhall Viking newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Board members discussed the order in which the National anthems are sung at the meetings. A motion was made by Ola Brevig and seconded by Don Lesney that the anthems continue to be sung in the same order that had been traditional at Valhall Lodge. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairpersons are still needed for the Telephone Committee and the Tubrim Committee. Also, a person is needed to help facilitate the distribution of the Lodge Newsletter. It was agreed that an appeal should be made through the Valhall Viking Newsletter.

Sons of Norway Mission Statement



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote, preserve, and cherish a lasting appreciation of the heritage and culture of Norway and other Nordic countries while growing soundly as a fraternal benefit society and offering maximum benefits to its members.

Sons of Norways misjon er å fremme, ivareta og på lang sikt verne om norske og andre nordiske kulturtradisjoner, samtidig som organisasjonen får vokse og utvikle seg som en broderskapsforening med maksimal hjelp og støtte til alle medlemmer.

Jerry Oen has scheduled an organizational meeting for the geneology group to meet Wednesday, April 26 at 1:00 pm. at the Family History Center, 4195 Camino Del Rio South in Mission Valley. To date 17 people have expressed interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next March marks the 95th anniversary of the Valhall Lodge. Karin Brevig, Cultural Director, suggested that the event should be one which all can attend, and that a catered dinner at the Lodge might have better attendance than an event at a hotel.

A motion was made by Everett Shogren and seconded by Raymond Johnsen to eliminate the Canadian Anthem from the ceremony. The motion was defeated.

Ola Brevig made an announcement that the Corporation will be making a special presentation to the membership at the next business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Kay Wolner, Secretary

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It's a Norwegian Midsummer Harbor Dinner Cruise

Norsk Fest invites you to join us on the Hornblower for an elegant dinner cruise. Savor, indulge and unwind. Enjoy the finest in gourmet cuisine, surrounded by spectacular bay views while having a festive evening with friends.



Location: We will meet at **Hornblower Cruises**, 1066 N. Harbor Dr., S.D, 619/686-8700
www.hornblower.com

Date/Time: Saturday, **June 24, 2006**, Boarding time is **6:30pm**, Cruising starts at **7:00pm**.
Complimentary champagne upon boarding

Dinner: Choice between these main dishes: "The Captains Cut" – **Steak with Port Wine Demi Glace or Grilled Chicken with Lemon Beurre Blanc**. Dinner includes salad, bread, potatoes, vegetables and dessert. Beverages available from no host bar. **Dress for dinner** – black tie optional.

Parking: The Cruise Ship Terminal Lot is located on the corner of Pacific Coast Hwy & Broadway. There are metered spots directly across from the Hornblower Terminal.

Cost: **\$45.00 per person before June 1st; \$70.00 per person for late-comers.**

Contacts: Greta Berg 619/987-6260 , Bjorn Endresen 619/358-3458 and Lizzie Riiber 619/523-8822

Please join us and make your reservation today. Complete this section and return it with your check (payable to "Norsk Fest") to Greta Berg, 2266 Grand Ave. #29, S.D, CA 92109.

Name(s): _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____

of guest(s)-- _____ # of Steak(s) _____ # of Chicken(s) _____

Amount enclosed (\$45.00 per person before June 1st; \$70.00 per person late comers) \$ _____

Valhall Cultural Classes

Genealogy

The renewed Norwegian Genealogy Group is off to a good start with the first meeting in April, which included a tour of the Family History Center in Mission Valley.

Meetings will continue to be held on the last Thursday of every month at the **Family History Center**, 4195 Camino Del Rio So. from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Each meeting will include a class or presentation on some aspect of Norwegian Genealogy, followed by individual family history sharing or problem solving.

Scheduled for the May 25th meeting is a overview presentation of Norwegian Genealogy . For the June 29 Meeting, Jack Thompson of the Norge Lodge will present a review of Genealogical Sources in Norway. The July 27 meeting details will be announced later. For more information, call Jerry Oen at 858 549 1530, or to be placed on our Norwegian Genealogy email list, please send an email to Jurolf@aol.com.

Rosemaling Classes

Informal *rosemaling* classes meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at the lodge in the room downstairs, from 9am to 1. Come visit and learn about rosemaling and have fun learning how to *rosemal*. Classes are free for SON members, \$5 for non-members. No prior experience necessary. Everyone is welcome. Contact instructor Carmen Cleary for more information at 619-442-0064.

Woodcarving

The woodcarving group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, from 9am to Noon. The class is being held at the *House of Norway* in Balboa Park. Everyone is welcome to join the group and enjoy conversation and carving. Call Lou Coover for more information at 619-264-9486.

Hardanger Fiddle Expert from Valhall Lodge

Rebecca Lofft is a Valhall member who is living in Norway for two years to attain a Master's degree in Traditional Arts with a focus on Hardanger Fiddle from Telemark University College in Rauland. She is the granddaughter of member Ellen Holk and daughter of member Lora Lee.

Her first year is funded by a Fulbright scholarship. She will be performing in a concert of folk music in Bergen on June 23rd, St. Hans Aften (Midsummer), and then again in a concert on June 25th in the Rauland area.

In February she played Hardanger fiddle for a Fulbright reception at the house of Ambassador Whitney.

Congratulations to Rebecca for all her accomplishments and we hope she has fun studying in Norway! Her email address is rlofft@hotmail.com.

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Space Plants from Norway

This July the space shuttle Discovery will take off from Kennedy Space Center in Florida on a mission to the International Space Station. Onboard will be something new: a space green house. The European Space Agency's space green house will be directed and overseen from a station in Trondheim, Norway.

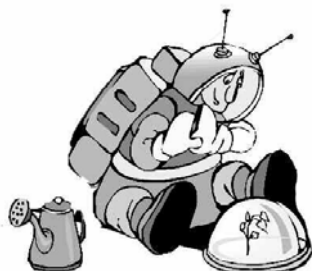
The objective of the project is to study how plants behave in space, and to study how the genes of plants are influenced by life in space. The results of the research may contribute to eventual missions to Mars.

“On earth plants orient themselves in relation to the force of gravity. In space there is obviously neither space nor sky, and so plants must orient themselves by other criteria, like light” says professor Tor-Henning Iversen.

Plants have been sent into space before, but only for shorter periods onboard space shuttles. This time the plants will be studied for three months. Researchers will watch to see if the plants will grow, bloom and make seeds. Water, light and temperatures will be controlled from a command center at the Plant Bio Centre at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim. The American astronauts, as well as a Swede and a German who have been sent as spacegardeners, will receive instructions from the research team in Trondheim.

“If humans are going to travel to Mars, that's a three year journey. Astronauts must have some nutrients they can provide themselves, although it would require a greenhouse that was much larger,” says Iversen. NASA is currently planning to send humans to the red planet by 2025.

From Dagbladet.no



New Norwegian Words

Språk og kultur / Language and Culture—

Språkrådet, the Norwegian Language Council, advises the Norwegian state and people on the use of the Norwegian language. Among other things, Språkrådet is charged with inventing or rediscovering Norwegian words to describe new concepts and trends that globalization is bringing into the Norwegian lexicon. Here are a few terms “in good Norwegian” that Språkrådet is promoting as alternatives for English buzzwords:

agenda – sakliste, dagsorden
babyboomer – babybølgebarn
backing – støtte, hjelp, oppfølging
benchmarking – referansemåling
breakdance – breikdans
booking – bestilling, tinging
catwalk – motemolo
design – formgjeving / formgiving, utforming
display – skjerm
e-business – e-forretningar / e-forretninger
flight – flyavgang, flyrute
human resource manager – peronalsjef, personalkonsulent
infomercial – infoklame
instant message – direktemelding, hurtigmelding, snøggmelding
online – oppkopla / oppkople
outsourcing – driftsutsetjing / driftsutsetting
paper – innlegg, artikkel
peer review – fagfellevurdering, kollegavurdering
support – brukarstøtte, brukerstøtte
voice mail – talepost

TUBFRIM

For those not familiar with the TUBFRIM program, it collects used postage stamps and used telephone cards to sell worldwide. The proceeds help handicapped children in Norway. Valhall and many other SON lodges contribute stamps to this cause.

Valhall has been sending stamps to TUBFRIM for many years. Right now we don't have a Chairperson to process the stamps. Please call Ola Brevig and offer to take this worthwhile job. 858-755-9444



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF VALHALL SON, Inc. May 1, 2006

The meeting was held during a recess of the May 2006 Business meeting of Valhall Lodge No. 6-025. It was called to order by President Ola Brevig at 8:07 P.M.

Present were: President Ola Brevig, Vice President Allen Johannesen, Secretary Everett Shogren, Treasurer Jurolf Oen and Directors Aprell Waymire, and Lodge President/Director Glen Hagen. Director Sigurd Stautland was absent.

Using the video projector President Brevig presented the lodge membership with a brief overview of the history, mission and purposes of Valhall Sons of Norway Incorporated as well as overview of the basic investment positions and strategy. Although we do not currently own real property, the need for the Corporation still exists to manage the investments and to provide for the possibility of acquiring real property at some point in the future.

The minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved as written. The Treasurer's report was also presented using the projector. Treasurer Oen reported that the lodge investments have shown steady growth and the Corporation

continues to be in an excellent financial position.
Unfinished Business: None

New Business

President Brevig presented the recommendation of the board to make additional 2006 donations as follows:

\$500 to the Norwegian Seaman's Church

\$500 to the Home of the Guiding Hands

\$1000 to the Vesterheim Museum, Decorah, Iowa

President Brevig then moved to have the lodge membership accept the recommendation. The motion was passed.

The date and time of the summer Corporation Board meeting will be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Valhall Sons of Norway Inc. board will be on October 2, 2006 prior to the October lodge business meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Everett Shogren, Secretary
Valhall Sons of Norway Inc.

HERITAGE MEMBERSHIP

FREE for children / grandchildren age 15 and younger who have at least one parent / grandparent that is a Sons of Norway member.

Heritage Members receive a quarterly newsletter "Viking for kids" with lots of fun activities and information on Norway, past and present, and their very own membership card. "Viking for kids" also includes a Pen Pal Club, brief language lessons, and features such as what's "cool/hot/not" among Norwegian kids.

Please sign up your children / grandchildren today so they can begin enjoying the benefits of this FREE membership and start learning about their Norwegian heritage.

Contact Bob Miller at 619-252-3493 or via his e-mail at every3seconds@san.rr.com or Aprell Waymire at 619-865-2541 or via her e-mail at aprellw@aol.com

St Hans Eve

One time a year one dances around a bonfire, picks flowers and feels at one with nature. It's St. Hans Eve. Many Norwegians celebrate St. Hans Eve with big bonfires and parties out in the open air.

The name St. Hans comes from the biblical John the Baptist who was born June 24th. St. Hans Eve is also celebrated here in Norway on the evening before. For the most part we call it St. Hans Eve, but "midsummer's eve" is used as well. For our Swedish neighbors this day is almost as important as Syttende Mai is for us Norwegians. The parties often get quite wild, and so their midsummer's eve is always held on the weekend.

The tradition of setting a bonfire, especially along the coast, was originally a heathen practice. A long time ago it was typical to believe that the flames would keep the witches away. According to folk belief witches were especially active on midsummer's eve. They might be out to collect ingredients for their witchcraft activities, or they were on their way to witch meetings at Troms Church or Blokksberg in Harzen.

by Leni Aurora Braekhus, www.nesteklikk.no



Social Committees

JUNE

Business Meeting and Ice Cream Social

Chair: OPEN

Eldon & Carol Anderson
George Babilot
Carmen & Tony Cleary
John & Janet Erickson
Charles & Rhona Gorder
Ellen Holk
Kjell Holmes
Lora Lee
Allen & Thelma Johanneson
Karin Johanneson
Lizzie Riiber
Mary and William Stedham
June Weller
Wilma Springer



JULY

No events

AUGUST

Picnic only

Chair: Judy Sawyer

Eldbjorg Backous
Reg & Pat Becker
Kristine Davis
Jessie Garay
Wendy Hovland Henry
Scott Hudgens
Janette Kenoyer
Brit & John Montalbano
Alan Szczepaniak
Mike Stewart
Kim Strandberg
Natasha Evens Thompson
Janet Weber





MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF VALHALL SON, Inc. Special Meeting May 1, 2006

Minutes of the May 1, 2006 board meeting of Valhall Sons of Norway Inc.

The meeting was held at the Masonic temple prior to the February business meeting of Valhall Lodge. Valhall Corporation President Ola Brevig called the meeting to order 6:32 P.M.

Present were: President Ola Brevig, Vice President Allen Johannesen, Secretary Everett Shogren, Treasurer Jurolf Oen and Directors Aprell Waymire, and Lodge President/Director Glen Hagen. Director Sigurd Stautland was absent.

The reading of the minutes of the previous board meeting was dispensed with as was the treasurer's report because the regular meeting was to be held the same evening.

It had previously been decided to recommend the allocation of \$4000 for charitable donations for 2006. Donations of \$1000 to Camp Norge and to donate \$1000 towards the cost of the April Scandinavian festival at the Mingei Museum were previously approved. The reason for this special meeting

was to recommend additional donations to the lodge. Director April Waymire made a motion to recommend 2006 donations as follows:

\$500 to the Norwegian Seaman's Church
\$500 to the Home of the Guiding Hands
\$1000 to the Vesterheim Museum, Decorah, Iowa

The motion was seconded by Ola Brevig and, after discussion, was passed.

Treasurer Oen reported that a certificate of deposit was coming due in the near future. After discussion it was moved, seconded and passed to renew the CD for a term of 24 months as the shorter term rates now are higher than the rates for a longer term.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Everett Shogren, Secretary

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

FREE membership to individuals, age 16 through 23, who lives in the same household as a parent or grandparent who is a member of Sons of Norway. If qualified, these individuals, age 16 through 23, can become an Unge Venner member and not pay dues.

Unge Venner members will receive, **The Viking**, newsletter published by Valhall Lodge and their very own membership card. In addition, you will receive a special newsletter called "**News of Norway**" published by the Royal Norwegian Embassy that Valhall's Membership Secretary will order for you.

Please sign up your children / grandchildren today so they can begin enjoying the benefits of this FREE membership and start learning about their Norwegian heritage.

Any individual who wishes to join as an Unge Venner member, and take advantage of the family membership, just needs to complete a membership application on which they note the name and member number of the adult member of their household that qualifies them for the family membership.

Contact **Bob Miller** at 619-252-3493 or via his e-mail at every3seconds@san.rr.com or **Aprell Waymire** at 619-865-2541 or via her e-mail at aprellw@aol.com

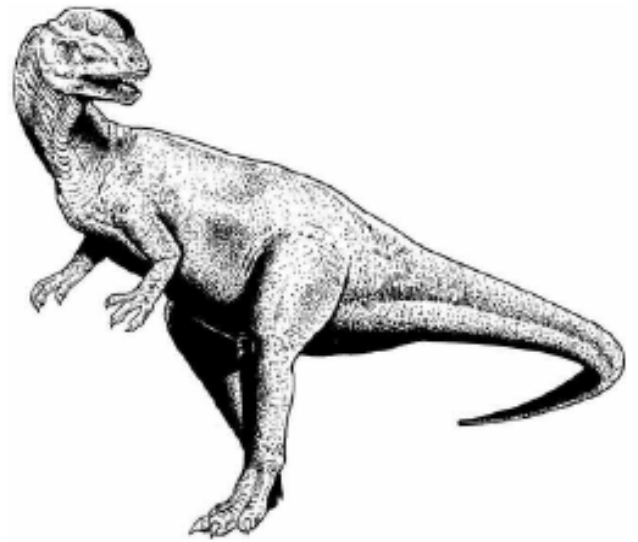
North Sea Fossil is Deepest Dino

The 195-210-million-year-old specimen was found 2.3km (1.4 miles) below the floor of the North Sea by an offshore oil drilling platform. Norwegian paleontologist Jørn Harald Hurum, from the University of Oslo, identified the fossil as the knucklebone of a plateosaur. Details of the discovery are to appear in the Norwegian Journal of Geology.

"It's the first time a dinosaur bone has ever been found in such a deep core," Dr Hurum told the BBC News website. Marine reptile fossils have been found in some previous North Sea drill cores, but to find a terrestrial animal at such a depth is rare.

To drill through a terrestrial animal is much rarer because there are so many more marine sediments there," Dr Hurum, assistant professor of vertebrate paleontology at Oslo's Natural History Museum, explained. The crushed knucklebone was identified in a long cylinder of rock drilled out from an exploration well at Norway's Snorre offshore field.

The geologists who drilled the core spotted the curious specimen in 1997; but they were discouraged by colleagues who thought it was plant matter and tucked it away in a drawer. Only in 2003 did they pass the specimen to Hurum, who thought it looked like a dinosaur. After consulting paleontologists at the University of Bonn in Germany, a microscopic



examination of the specimen showed it to be identical in structure to bones from a Plateosaurus species.

This dinosaur is the most common type found in Europe. At the time it lived, there was a desert between Norway and Greenland crossed by meandering rivers.

"We knew there was food there, so something must have been eating it; but we didn't know what animals were there," Dr Hurum said.

From BBC

Lodge Opportunities

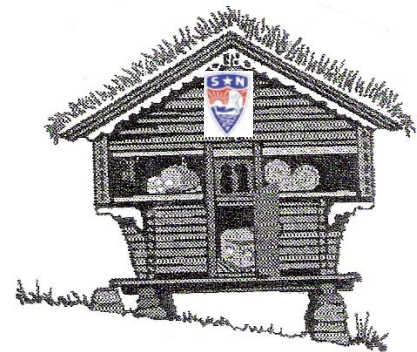
Please help our lodge continue to do a great job. Several members have retired from their volunteer positions (or need to) and we need to replace them. Now is your opportunity to volunteer!

Tubfrim Director—put out collection box for meetings, send stamps to Tubfrim. There are not many meetings during summer.

Circulation Editor—put labels on newsletter and bring to post office. Only 3 more newsletters this year..

Telephone Committee Chairman—call telephone committee when necessary.

Call Ola Brevig today and one of these positions could be yours! He can also give you more information about these positions. Call 858-755-9444



June 2006

SØNDAG	MANDAG	TIRSDAG	ONSDAG	TORSDAG	FREDAG	LØRDAG
				1	2	3 LOV Meeting
4	5 Business Meeting	6	7	8	9	10 Rosemaling Classes
11	12	13 Woodcarvng Group	14 Flag Day 	15	16	17
18 Father's Day 	19	20	21	22	23	24 Rosemaling Classes
25	26	27 Woodcarving Group	28	29 Genealogy Class	30	

Sons of Norway's 16th Annual Southern California Kretsstevne
Thousand Trails, Idyllwild, California
September 22-24, 06

Options to attend the weekend festivities:

- Drive in for the day (\$ 5.00 per vehicle guest fee*)
- Bring your own RV or tent and rent a space
- Rent an on-site RV trailer for a 2-night stay

No matter what options you choose, please complete the Registration Form below along with your check made out to **Southern California Kretsstevne by September 5, 2006** to:

Lise Fleming
 1104 Alamosa Dr
 Claremont, CA 91711

Home phone: (909) 624-2868
 Email: lisenorsk@earthlink.net

Early reservations are recommended!

No reservations accepted after due date!

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Lodge _____

Children: _____

Age: _____

Age: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone:(____) _____

_____ Email: _____

Comments: _____

Kretsstevne Registration Fee (Required of all adult attendees)

_____ Adults \$ 7.50 each/Family \$ 15.00

Total \$ _____

Friday Night Lapskaus Dinner

_____ Adults \$ 7.50/Children under 12 Free

Total \$ _____

*Saturday Noon potluck (finger foods)

Saturday Tri Tip Barbecue

_____ Adults \$ 12.00/Children under 12 Free

Total \$ _____

Accommodations for 2 nights – all trailers include kitchen with dinette and shower

Check one:

__Tent or RV site rental (2 nights) \$ 64.00

__29' Deluxe trailer (sleeps 4, 1 queen bed plus 3 bunk beds) \$ 121.00

__30' Deluxe trailer with slide (sleeps 4, 1 queen bed plus 3 bunk beds) \$ 151.00

Additional people: \$ 10.00 per person (2 nights) Pet charge: \$10.00 (2nights) \$

Total overnight stay \$ _____

Optional Linen package – Queen (2 sets).....\$ 11.00 \$ _____

(Blanket, sheets, towels) Single (1 set).....\$ 6.00 \$ _____

Total amount (Registration fees, meals, overnight accommodation, linen package) \$=====

*Saturday and Sunday breakfast may be eaten at Thousand Trail Cantina (\$ 5.00 - \$ 6.00)

Please indicate how many in your party that will eat breakfast at the Cantina.

_____ Saturday

_____ Sunday

***Day guests: Please pay vehicle guest fee for each vehicle at the front gate. Please do not include with this form!**

**Make all inquiries to Lise Fleming. Please do not contact Thousand Trails directly*