

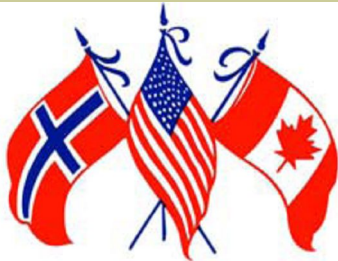
Rondane Nyheter

God Jul & Godt Nyttår!

**Rondane Lodge 7-071, Sons of Norway,
PO Box, 772 Prince George, B.C. V2N 3T4**

Special points of interest:

- Bjørnemannen på Tabor
- New Executive team for 2012 and Lodge Calendar - see back page
- Snowflake Bread and Pork Ribs recipies
- 2012 Sno Fun Days - back page



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Fra President Gloria

God Jul, Alle Sammen!

Our fall has changed to winter and so quickly, Christmas is approaching. I know this time of the year begins to get hectic but don't let the stress of getting everything "perfect" overshadow the enjoyment of friends and family. Most of us have allowed Christmas to be a time of giving presents – LOTS of presents! I think you would be surprised how easy it is to replace all the presents with a couple well-thought ideas or maybe even something you made.

Many years ago, my grandmother was so delighted when our son Cal and I would drive to her community and spend the day – and we brought a few selections of cookies packaged carefully so she could keep them in her tiny fridge. She did not have a kitchen but she could make coffee or tea and often lamented how she missed a stove so she could offer her guests homemade cookies. She always had a supply of store-bought cookies but they

did not meet HER standards. As the pile of pretty silk scarves and snuggly housecoats grew in her drawers, she would thank us several times during the sharing of a cup of coffee and a "real" cookie.

Maybe you have people in your lives that would be much happier with a fruit basket instead of a sweater (... should it be mohair or cashmere and would white be better than black – or maybe she is allergic to wool??). What about giving a membership to Sons of Norway to your neighbour or family member? It is a gift that lasts all year long!

Thank you to the members who let their name stand for elections last month. And a big THANK YOU to all the members who served their Lodge this past year. I look forward to the Installation of Officers at our January meeting as we now have a full slate of table officers but we are still looking for a "Historian". Please consider stepping forward and taking on this role.



It is important that we have a record of the upcoming year.

May you all be blessed with a happy and healthy 2012!

Fraternally,

Gloria

President Gloria had her second hip operation on November 28. She is in good spirits and very glad it is over. In anticipation of this event, she did all her Norwegian Christmas baking in November. After only three days in the Hospital, she returned home. When asked about pain: she reported only recovery pain, an excellent sign.

God Bedring Gloria!

Norwegian Products

Elsa Aase, on behalf of the Lodge, has kindly brought in some Norwegian favourite products for sale:

- Icelandic Fiskeboller** - ca. 830 g. ...\$6.60 each
- Lefse, WeslandsLefse** - 10 p/pkg. . \$5.25 per package
- Lingonberries (Tyttebær)** - 400 g. ..\$4.10 each
- Spiced Herring** - 265 g.\$7.65 each

Jule Godt!

Lodge Meeting Notes

September 15 Lodge Meeting

23 members and guests were in attendance. The 50/50 draw of \$33.50 was won by Haakon Sullivan and the Door Prize was won by Lise Aaslie. Reports were given on the 17th of May event and Midsummer events. Treasurer Karin Smale submitted her financial report for up to July 31st and the Ladies Auxiliary financial report for January to June was received.

October 20th Meeting.

26 members and friends were in attendance. Since this was our Cultural Social Evening, the business was very little. The 50/50 draw was won by Diane McLeod and the Door Prize of "Tyttebær" was won by Bjørn Norheim. The evening's main activity was a Norwegian Heritage Game (Trivial Pursuit) lead by Social Director Marilyn Anderson. After that, some stayed for a game of Left-Right-Centre. \$49.61 was collected in the Foundation 'Pink Piggy'. Mange Takk!

November 17th Meeting

23 members and friends enjoyed an evening with a full agenda. The 50/50 draw was won by Gerry Petersen, Maria Oklen won the Fishballs and Clive Wilson won the 2012 Rosemaling Calendar. Robin Lowry was accepted to membership.

Minutes of the September 15th Meeting was approved. Karen Smale presented the financial report - as of October 31 our bank balance was \$1899.72.

President Gloria reported on her recent District Presidents' Meeting in Minneapolis and the District Board Meeting held in Nanaimo in conjunction with the North Star Lodge's 60th Anniversary event. Of particular note was the visit to Minneapolis where Sons of Norway leaders were invited to a banquet that featured a visit by King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway. While they did not greet them personally, due to the large attendance, all were impressed with the event and the the King's speech.

The Lutefisk Dinner report was presented: 43 attended the event held on November 5th at the Lindquists. The evening festivities included appropriate recognition of this wonderful delicacy in verse and song. Many thanks were extended to the Lindquists for making their home available for this event, then to the people who prepared the feast, to the servers, to the cleanup crew and to those who provided the dessert table, or the second setting!

Sports Director John Martinsen presented Dave Stevenson with a Gold Gangmerke. This is a challenge pin for walking - part of the Sports Medal program. This is Dave's seventh pin. Congratulations Dave.

President Gloria also provided some information and comments of the Sports Medals Program.

Recognition was also given to Bjørn Norheim's recent award for his long time involvement with the Tabor Mountain Trail network. Bjørn also spoke on his experience and expectations on the Tabor Mountain project as it moves forward. Please see related story beginning on Page 3.

Cultural Director Elsa Aase announced the Lodge will once again help the Salvation Army in their Kettle Campaign. She was waiting for a date to help out and she asked for members to volunteer for an hour for 'kettle duty'.

The meeting included the election of Officers and Directors for the 2012 Lodge term. After many years vacant, the position of Vice President is now filled by Cal Benazic. Elsa Aase who has filled the position of Historian for many years, decided to move to Publicity Director, in addition to being Cultural Director. This leaves the Historian position still open and we are looking for someone to take on this position. If you are willing to do that or need information on the position, please contact President Gloria at 250-562-7320.

\$12.12 was collected in the Foundation 'Pink Piggy' - Takk igjen!

Cultural & Heritage Programs

Folk Dancing

Our Folk Dancers are in "full swing" under the leadership of Rosemary Lach. They meet twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, from 7 to 9 pm. They have found a permanent location at the IMMS facility in the Redwood Square.

They are still looking for more dancers, for information please call Rosemary at 250-596-7926 or Marilyn at 250-963-6803.

Norwegian Language

Mons Aase has volunteered to teach language in the new year - if there are enough people interested. For information, please call Mons at 250-963-8707.

Rosemaling

There will be no Rosemaling workshops this year. The reason for this is that Egil and Bjorg are fully involved in making Rosemaled voting paddles for the District Convention.

Cultural Director Elsa Aase would like to remind all about handcrafted articles and photos for the District Convention Cultural Exhibition.

Bjørnemann på Tabor “Månten” (Mountain)

Rondane Lodge, almost since the beginning, has been actively involved in cross-country skiing in Prince George. It was in the late fifties, only a couple of years after the Lodge was established, that the Lodge arranged with members Charlie and Ella Anderson to install a ski hill complete with rope tow and ski jump on the Anderson Farm that later became Charella Gardens subdivision. Not only was there a ski hill, but there were access trails to fields to the west that provided routes for ski trails. It didn't take long before this group decided to become a bit more formal. Soon the Sons of Norway Ski Club was established. This club grew but it soon became a concern that the name suggested that only Norwegians 'need to apply'. Of course, this was not the intent but it was decided the name should be changed to Hickory Wing Ski Club. The Lodge would continue to be involved with the group by having three members on the Board of Directors. After a few years, this was seen to be an unnecessary burden on this expanding club. It was also about this time that the Anderson Farm project would be abandoned in favor of a new facility at the north end of Tabor Mountain, next to the Yellowhead Highway (East). The Ski Club invested in the clearing of the main runs plus the A-frame building, that still stands, near the west side of the Ski Hill. Yes, ski trails were also developed on the east side of the hill which extended eastward as far as the current Hickory Wing trail system and parking area. The Ski Hill development soon became a bit more than the Ski Club group could manage so an agreement was made with a developer to take over the ski hill. This caused some internal tension but it became clear it was the best decision for the continued viability of skiing in Prince George. Following this, the Hickory Wing Ski Club took a turn towards becoming a competitive cross country ski club thereby moving away from downhill activities. It can also be said there have been many top notch competitive skiers that claimed Hickory Wing as their home club over the years.

Then in the early sixties, an opportunity came up for the Lodge to purchase Melvadeer Lodge at the north end of Six Mile Lake (Tabor Lake). While the main attraction was to establish a Lodge Home it soon

became clear this 'Home' could provide many functions. Not only was this to be a place for summer play, it would also be a place for recreation cabins. But we had more than 100 acres of land! Some looked east on to Tabor Mountain, then back at our own property, then to the lake, all of this pointing to a winter activity area in the form of a cross country skiing hub that so many were familiar with in Norway.

It was 40 years ago that our Lodge established ourselves as a driving force in outdoor recreation in Prince George. Actually, this would lead to a second effort to enhance the skiing experience in the Prince George area - that being the Sons of Norway Ski Touring Club, dedicated to participation rather than competition. This was also at the time that the Federally sponsored 'Participation' became the guiding principles for a healthy and active population.

Several of our Lodge members, dedicated skiers all, began discussions on how all this could fit together. It was clear that while the Lodge property would be the centre for this activity, it was also clear that to make this a viable activity, a trail system would need to be developed on the vacant crown land on Tabor Mountain.

A long association between our Lodge and Tabor Mountain was beginning. A lead player in this discussion would be our Bjørn Norheim. In any season you could find him somewhere on the mountain searching out trail routes and networks of routes that could be developed on the mountain.

The Lodge, because of its location, took on the purpose of being the 'training centre' for the many who had decided to take on this great outdoor activity. On any Sunday training day, there would be up to 200 people, led by a crew of trainers, learning the skills of balance and movement, propulsion and bodily coord-



Minister Pat Bell, Bjørn Norheim, Steven Dubas (President of Tabor Mountain Recreation Society) and Minister Shirley Bond - who presented the Special Plaque to Bjørn.

dination and the fine art of falling without hurting oneself - on a set of skis. Some gave up but most prevailed - only to become experts on the finer arts of enjoying our long winters in this unique way.

As this was going on, the Mountain was being transformed with ski trails and rest cabins for the enjoyment of all. Machines were borrowed and hired to clear trails - these routes were generally located on reclaimed logging trails that had been in use in the salvage operations of the old Grove Burn that had devastated most of the mountain vegetation in 1961. But, there were others who had similar ideas for developing the Mountain - these ideas included using trails for motorized sports, specifically snowmobiles. It was readily acknowledged these two activities conflicted with each other - mostly for safety. Because of this, an informal group was formed to 'split' the area into user areas, that would be the Tabor Mountain - Grove Burn Committee. This, for the most part has worked throughout the years - but did not eliminate many user conflict problems.

A few years back, a new group was formed with the idea of establishing a more formal status to the Mountain and its trail network. The group became known as the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society. This group comprised of representatives of many outdoor groups in the

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Ladies Auxiliary Report

God Jul og Godt Nytt År!

Once again ladies aid has had a successful year.

November 3 we met at the home of Diane McLeod. We celebrated 50 years of ladies aid with founder Elsa Aase telling us how the club came to be. She also brought a marzipan cake to "sweeten" the celebration.

This past Thursday, December 1, Unna hosted the annual ladies Christmas party in her beautifully decorated home for the 41st time. Wow, thanks Unna. There were 29 attendees that included 7 guests. Two of the guests, Ethel Andrews and Pauline Fjellgaard, had been members years ago. The other guests were Gwen Norheim, Janice Belding, June Belding, Quin Skuggedal and Unni Madsen.

We had a HUGE assortment of silent auction items with robust bidding continuing throughout the evening. The proceeds of the auction was \$352.00 and after paying for prizes, the net was \$320.20.

We had our election which saw the return of all incumbents, President, Christine Sullivan, Vice-President, Joan Lemky and



Secretary/Treasurer, Diane McLeod. Thank you for your support.

The first meeting of 2012 will be held at the home of Karin Smale on February 2. Carol Schulte will demonstrate how to make Duffle mittens and will cut out 5 or 6 extra to members who would like to make their own. Thank you Carol.

At our last convention meeting, a motion was made that the ladies provide ideas and recipes for the evening "A Taste of Norway" to be held on the Friday night, May 4. The chefs at the hotel will prepare the dishes. Please bring your suggestions and recipes to the February meeting at Karin's so that we can start working on this task.

Thank you again for all your hard work. I look forward to another year of fun, fraternity, and friendship.

Sincerely, Christine Sullivan



Thank you Unna for hosting the Party!



December 1st Ladies Christmas Party

Birthdays

December Birthdays

1st Bill Sullivan
 2nd Rosemary Lach
 8th Annika Smale
 9th Archer Stevenson
 12th Sophie Prudente
 12th John Velle
 14th Carol Schulte
 18th Seija Westgaard
 18th Gina Lunde
 19th Dianne Stevenson
 24th Christine Hausot
 29th Marinus deDreu

January Birthdays

1st Richard Trippel
 2nd Wencke Angelski
 2nd Bjørn Norheim
 4th Lisa Ward
 5th Sarah McLeod
 9th Laura Aaslie
 10th Dave Stevenson
 12th Wyatt Stevenson
 18th Tristen Barclay
 24th Kelsie Smale
 25th Jason Maidment

February Birthdays

1st Melissa Partridge
 2nd Emily McLeod
 7th Ronald McIvor
 7th Kevin Smale
 8th Larry Rud
 10th Bjørg Schurer
 15th Lance Myhre
 19th Evelyn Pratt
 22nd Kayne Pettersen
 23rd Max Pettersen
 23rd Christine Sullivan
 24th Roger Wheate
 28th Stig Aaslie

March Birthdays

2nd Unna Skuggedal
 14th Walter Braaten
 14th Thor Krogsrud
 15th Hannah Maidment
 18th Leah Benazic
 19th Katrina Fulkco
 22nd Hayden Smale
 23rd John Martinsen
 24th Aase Baker
 25th Landon Aaslie
 27th Stein Aaslie
 28th Margrete Wilson

Gratulerer med Dagen!

Happy Birthday!

Members and Friends

Velkommen!

Let us extend a fraternal welcome to new members Laura and Stein Aaslie, Stephanie and Stig Aaslie, who joined us last May. Robin Lowry became our newest member in November. The following Heritage members have passed the magic age of 16 and are now Unge Venner members. They are: Hanna Maidment, Taylor Barclay and Thomas Parkridge. Welcome all.

Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to **Joan Lemky and her family** on the sudden passing of husband Pete. Pete succumbed to a heart attack on the morning of September 19. We are all thinking of you and your family, Joan.

On the mend

Margrete and Clive Wilson have both taken some hospital time. Clive had a heart attack and is recovering and came out to the November meeting. Margrete had a hip operation and is also recovering well. While skiing may be somewhat distant yet, she does attend ski training meetings, which only means that she is far away from hanging up her skis.

Bjørg Schurer had open heart surgery in Vancouver in September. She spent some recovery time there with her daughter Monica. This was also helpful for check-ups on her condition. She is now back home and getting around and looking 'as good as new'!

June Chamberland also had a hip operation and is very glad that is over. She is also improving.

Kevin Smale had a serious fall at home on the evening of December 7th. His injuries were multi fractures to the upper right leg which was operated on December 8th. We extend our best wishes for a successful recovery.

Bjørnemann på Tabor "Månten" (Mountain) continued

greater Prince George area. Our Sons of Norway Ski Touring Club has been a member of this group since inception. It is without a doubt the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society has been very successful in getting the ear of the provincial government in formalizing the area as an outdoor recreation resource. Our Bjørn Norheim along with Norm Clarke, the Ski Club President have had significant roles in this endeavor.

Bjørn has been a constant advocate for formal recognition of Tabor Mountain as a recreation resource. He often spoke about the establishment of Provincial Park status over the area. While there are good reasons for and against this idea, it was decided that formal status would be placed on 407 kilometers of trails plus several staging points along the trails. The designation formally recognizes a partnership between the user groups making up the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society, the Ministry of Forests and Recreation Sites and Trails BC.

It is interesting to recognize that the catalyst for the establishment of Tabor Mountain as an outdoor recreation resource was the Grove Burn area that occurred in August of 1961. This design-

ation occurred fifty years thereafter, in August of 2011! For nearly all of those fifty years, Bjørn Norheim was very much part of that process. It is safe to say that Bjørn's involvement has never been a case of personal recognition. His goal has always been to ensure there is a place for all-season outdoor enjoyment for locals and visitors. For that, we can all be truly thankful. Of course, he is not alone in this, there are many within and outside our Lodge who has worked with him - but he has always been the driving force. But, it is worth pointing out that Bjørn has always represented Sons of Norway and gave credit to Sons of Norway, our Lodge and the Ski Club for supporting the development of the cross country component of the Tabor Mountain trail system.

On October 29th, an open house was held in the Civic Centre recognizing the trail designations on Tabor Mountain. On hand were the directors of the Tabor Mountain Recreation Society, representatives of other out-

door groups, many of our Lodge members and politicians of three levels of government in BC. Prince George Mayor Dan Rogers, Regional District

Bjørn Norheim

**Guru of the
Sons of Norway Ski
Club**

**In recognition of your
tireless dedication and
vision for the future of
Tabor Mountain**



Bjørn, with his plaque (the inscription wording is set out in the box to the left)

Chair Art Kaehn, Provincial Ministers Shirley Bond and Art Bell all spoke on the importance to the community of a coordinated effort such as this.

The highlight of the Open House was a presentation by Minister Bond of a special plaque to Bjørn Norheim for his dedication to the process and never giving up on what he believes to be right for this community. This was a most deserved recognition. We are all most grateful for such longstanding dedication to such an admirable goal!

You deserve it, Bjørn!

Vi Takker og Gratulerer!

Tore Pettersen,
Editor



Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada

There is still time to get the Special 40th Year Recognition Certificate for a \$40 donation.

At our October Meeting the little pink piggy collected close to \$50. Plus that, the Ladies Auxiliary passed through \$800 for local charities as well as a direct donation to the Foundation of \$100.

We still have our Used Postage Stamps Program - as we progress into the electronic and 'paperless' age, postage stamps become more valuable for collectors. We therefore receive greater returns for these stamps. Please keep the stamps coming.

Recently, **Revenue Canada** changed the rules for required disbursements for Charitable Foundations. These rules are now simplified but they also mean some greater exposure to the capital. We now have to give 3.5% of the capital in disbursements on a yearly basis. With earnings in the 1 to 2% range, this can have a direct effect on retaining capital levels.

Our saving grace is the donation pass through program. This means that if we pass on donations to other qualified donees, 100% is therefore credited towards our disbursement requirement. This is a win-win situation for us. So, if you are making cash donations to the Cancer society, the Red Cross, local hospital or community charities, why not pass those donations through our Foundation? Of course, one can also leave some donations with the Foundation!

For more information on this or other Foundation questions, please contact Foundation Director Tore Pettersen (250-964-9664)

Convention Committee Report

Three full committee meetings have been held to date. They have all been held at Unna Skuggedal's. Our thanks to Unna.

The new Sandman Signature Hotel has been selected at the Convention venue.

- We are looking at 115 room/nights as a minimum need.
- Price per room/night will range from \$120 to \$150 plus taxes, based on individual requirements.
- Meals – a finger food event for Thursday evening, two evening meals, two lunches, three coffee/refreshment breaks for Friday and Saturday; plus

We have an event schedule and a detailed outline of the event:

- Voting paddles – Committee decided on a Rosemaling motif.
- Thursday evening President's Reception will be a 'meet the president' event. This will be followed by a Question & Answer session.
- Friday evening – 'Taste of Norway' – the menu will be developed by the Ladies Auxiliary. The evening will include some local entertainment.
- Saturday Banquet will be the highlight event and include some speeches. The evening will finish off

with a dance to live music – Sound of the North.

- We also have plans in the works for a Raffle (District wide for prizes and ticket sales), 50/50 draws for each Convention day (Friday and Saturday), and Convention Booklet.
- We have dealt with most of the general issues and are now working on the finer details and arrangements.

Once we have worked out our general meal plan the hotel will be starting on our Hotel Agreement. The Hotel/Room rates remain unchanged from the original quotation..

The immediate task is to communicate with all Lodges – registration, hotel, event schedule, raffle and convention booklet details.

Finally, we have been provided with a website courtesy of the District Board of Directors and their Webmaster. This can be seen on www.sofn7.com, click on the Convention icon (right side of screen).

We still need more help on the Committee. Specifically, we are in need of a Treasurer. If you are interested or need information, please contact myself.

Tore Pettersen, Chairperson

Committee Members:

Chairperson - Tore Pettersen

Honorary Chairperson - Unna Skuggedal

Secretary - Christine Sullivan

Treasurer - vacant!

District Board Liaison - Gloria Benazic

Sub-Committees:

Registration - Karin Smale, Joan Lemky

Voting Paddles - Egil and Bjørg Lindquist

Cultural Room and Exhibition - Elsa Aase and Carol Schulte

Evening Events - Marilyn Anderson

Raffle - Diane McLeod

50/50 Draw - Synøve deDreu

Refreshment/Coffee Breaks - Dianne Stevenson, Maria Oklen

Transportation - Cal Benazic

Convention Booklet - vacant

Hospitality - John Martinsen

Decorations - vacant

Handouts - vacant

Opening Ceremonies - vacant

Please note vacancies - your offer to fill some spots or to assist on sub-committees are much appreciated.

Kjøkken siden (Kitchen page)

Icelandic Snowflake Breads (Laufabraud)

The Great Scandinavian Baking Book by Beatrice Ojakangas

Makes 32 rounds

Anyone who has ever made paper snowflakes will be familiar with this technique. The dough is rolled out thin, folded, and with a sharp knife the decorations are cut into each cake. They are then deep-fried until golden and served with smoked lamb-*hangikjöt*-at Christmas. As with most Scandinavian Christmas pastries, these are made early in the Advent season and stored in a cool place. (A "cool place" in Iceland - or Minnesota, for that matter - is not hard to find; it's usually a tin on the back porch!)

- 4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tbsp. melted butter
- 2 cups milk, heated to boiling
- hot fat for frying
- powdered sugar (optional)

In a bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and sugar. Mix in the butter and hot milk until a stiff dough is formed. Turn out onto a lightly oiled surface and knead until smooth and cooled. Divide dough into four parts. Shape each into a ball. Divide each into 4 parts to make 16, then divide each of the resulting balls into 2 parts to total 32.

Cover baking sheets with waxed paper and dust the waxed paper lightly with flour.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out each part of dough to make a thin round about 8 inches in diameter. Place the rounds on the floured waxed paper. Chill 30 minutes.

In a skillet, heat 2 inches of fat to 375° F to 400° F. Vegetable shortening or corn or peanut oil may be used but the authentic fat is lard.

Fold the dough rounds, one at a time, into quarters, and, with a sharp-tipped knife, make little cuts and cut-outs in the dough. Fry the bread rounds, until golden brown, about 1 minute on each side. Remove and drain on paper toweling. Store in an airtight container in a cool place or in the freezer until ready to serve.

Pork Ribs

The Norwegian Kitchen by Astrid Karlsen Scott
Serves 4

- 1kg (2 ¼ lbs) fresh pork belly with bones and rind
- salt
- pepper
- 2 tbsp. dry mustard
- butter
- Flour

Have your butcher crack the bones at 5-6 cm (2-3") intervals. Score the rind and rub with a mixture of salt, pepper and mustard, preferably 2 days before preparing.

Preheat the oven to 400° F. Place the ribs, rind up, on a rack over an oven tray. Add water to a depth of ½ inch in the tray, to prevent the juices from burning. Cover with aluminum foil and bake 15 minutes.

Lower the heat to 350° F, remove the foil and bake until an instant thermometer indicates an internal temperature of 160° F, about 60-75 minutes.

Remove the rind as it becomes crisp. Remove the meat from the oven.

Cut the meat into serving pieces. Return to the oven for 3-4 minutes just before serving. Thicken pan juices with flour stirred into a small amount of cold water, if desired. Count on 3½ table-spoons flour per 2 cups pan juices.

Serve the meat with crispy rind, pork sausages, boiled potatoes, pickled red cabbage and baked apples with currant jelly.

I didn't try these, I just print them as I see them! Editor



SONS OF NORWAY

Rondane Lodge 7-071

Lodge Officers and Directors

President	Gloria Benazic
Vice President	Cal Benazic
Secretary	June Chamberlain
Asst. Secretary	Christine Sullivan
Membership Secretary	Joan Lemky
Treasurer	Karin Smale
Counselor, Foundation Director and Editor	Tore Pettersen
Social Director	Marilyn Anderson
Cultural & Publicity Director	Elsa Aase
Asst. Cultural Director and Librarian	Dianne Stevenson
Sports and Recreation Director	John Martinsen
Historian	vacant
Ski Club Liaison	Bjørn Norheim
Trustee 3 year	Dag Westgaard
Trustee 2 year	John Martinsen
Trustee 1 year	Rolf Austad
Marshal	Synøve deDreu
Asst. Marshal	Haakon Sullivan
Greeter	Synøve deDreu
"Wish you Well"	Dianne Stevenson
Phoning Committee	Diane McLead, Carol Schulte and Synøve deDreu

2012 DISTRICT #7 SNO FUN DAYS

February 10th to 12th: starting on Friday evening with Registration and a Meet and Greet Social.

The Hills Guest Ranch at 108 Mile House has many ski trails, a ski hill and a skating rink. Why not consider getting together with a group to enjoy a great outdoor weekend and some cultural activities.

For information, please contact District Youth and Recreation Director Kim Jensen.

E-mail: kim.jensen@live.com , you can also check the District Web Page:

www.sofn7.com

See also back page of the December Leiflette

RONDANE LODGE - CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Please note: There will be no regular Lodge Meeting in December, and there is no Ladies Auxiliary in January.

Sunday, January 1st, New Year's Day - Annual Ski Club wiener roast at Shane Lake, Forest for the World, from noon to 2:00 pm. You can ski to the area from the University; or, you may be able to drive to the FFTW Parking Lot located at the south end of Kueng Road by way of the Cranbrook Hill Road. This should be an ideal opportunity to enjoy the trails and facilities adjacent to the University. Thank you to the Ski Club for organizing this!

Thursday, January 19th, 2012 - Lodge Dinner and Cultural Social Evening. The focus of this meeting will be the Installation of Officers and Directors for the 2012 term. This is also our Norwegian Sweater show night. Please wear that fine sweater and stay for the group photos. Bring your cameras. This evening we will be our version of Sons of Norway's Founders Day. This would actually be on January 16th when Sons of Norway would have celebrated our 117th Anniversary.

Thursday, February 2nd - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at Karin Smale's, 153 North Patterson Street, starting at 7:30 pm.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 10th to 12th - District #7 Sno Fun Days at the Hill Guest Ranch, 108 Mile House. See lower left box below.

Thursday, February 16th - Lodge Dinner and Business Meeting in the Carmel Banquet Room. Doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. This meeting will include the election of delegates to the District Convention in early May. Please see box below for dinner ordering information.

Thursday, March 1st - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting starting at 7:30 pm, location to be announced.

Sunday, March 4th - (Tentative date) Annual Birch Leg ski tour at Huble Farm starting at 11 am from the farm parking lot.

Thursday, March 15th - Lodge Dinner and Cultural/Social Evening at the Carmel Restaurant Banquet Room, doors open at 6:00 pm. See box below for dinner ordering information.

Please contact the Ski Club for Wednesday and Sunday day trips. Bjørn at 250-563-0530 or Norm Clark by e-mail: n_dclark@telus.net (to be placed on the e-mail roster).

Dinner Meeting Note: Our Monthly Lodge Meetings are held in the downstairs Banquet Room of the Carmel Restaurant located at 1538 S. Highway 97 (halfway between the Simon Fraser Bridge and the Treasure Trove Casino). The doors are open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served after 6:30 pm. A choice of three meals is offered at a price of \$17.00 (including tax and tip). Please remember to place your dinner order in advance, otherwise your dinner may be delayed.

If you have not been called, please contact Diane at 250-563-7247 or Elsa at 250-963-7145.