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FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

Spring/Summer is finally here, hope you are enjoying it before

it gets too hot again.

At our last meeting on May 9th we celebrated syttende mai. Sorry if you didn't make it. I am a little disappointed of the turnout for the event. I know we had to celebrate a little early, but unfortunately the 17th was not available for us. Hopefully more of you will be able to attend our next social event on July 15th, the picnic at Steve Rosenthal's home, see flier in the newsletter.

Made a short trip to Camp Norge over Memorial Day Weekend and enjoyed a very nice barbeque dinner. Camp looks great and they have a new Pickleball court which seems to be very popular.

I am really happy that language heritage camp is back again this year, the kids missed it last year. I am looking forward to working at Trollfjell Folkehøgskule again, it is a lot of fun working with the great kids we have in Sons of Norway.

Kretsstevne will again be celebrated at Camp Norge over the Labor Day weekend. More information will follow later this summer. Camp Oldfjell will be held the last weekend in September, more information will be available shortly on District 6 website.

Hilsen Tove-Lise

NO JULY NAVIGATOR!



Mark the Date for the District Six Lodge
Meeting and Convention!

June 20-24, 2024

Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE SUMMER PICNIC!

When:

Saturday, JULY 15, 2023 beginning at 4 pm± and lasting until the last dog is hung.*

Where:

HOME OF STEPHEN ROSENTHAL, 2051 Gunn Road, Carmichael. Ample parking in the driveway. (916/539-5614)

Featuring:

Picnic in a large shaded area adjacent to private Redwood grove. Lodge will provide grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, plates, cups, napkins, plastic cutlery, ice, soft drinks, condiments, dessert, etc. Meat coming off grill starting at about 5:30 pm.

Please plan to bring family members, guests, etc. —the more the merrier! There will be no charge for this event. Small potluck side dishes welcome.

Bring your own adult beverages and suitable chairs if you have some.

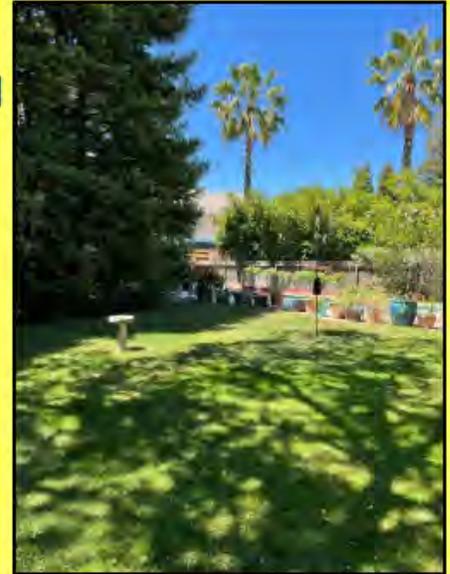
Fun for the Young:

Swimming, heated spa and games, including “Corn-hole” beanbag game! Glancy Oaks Park playground access. Rubber duck “fishing” for children.

Coming?

Please send an email to tovelise@aol.com and let us know how many adults and how many children will be attending. If you cannot email, call 916/508-5555. This will help us plan. However, no one will be turned away “at the door.”

*Old English saying. See Google.



WORLD'S LARGEST WARSHIP VISITS OSLO

Led by a Norwegian frigate and with hundreds of American sailors lining its decks and standing at "parade rest," the aircraft carrier ***USS Gerald R Ford, the largest warship in the world,*** sailed up



PHOTO: Forsvaret/Onar Digernes Aase

the Oslo Fjord on May 24th for a symbolic visit expected to last for at least four days. The nuclear-powered vessel had to obtain special permission to anchor up in a Norwegian port, even though the visit is an officially welcomed sign of solidarity among NATO allies at a time of war in Europe. This scheduled port visit, according to the US Navy, is the capital ship's first stop while deployed to the US Naval Forces Europe (NAVEUR) area of operations. Also, this is the first time a US aircraft carrier has visited Norway in 65 years.

The Gerald R. Ford is the US Navy's "newest, largest, and most advanced aircraft carrier," and The ship displaces 100,000 long tons, is 1,106 feet long*, has 25 decks, carries 508 officers and 3,789 enlisted sailors, and can carry over 75 aircraft.

Curious Norwegians turned out to watch the arrival of the largest ship ever, especially in the coastal town of Drøbak and, later, Oslo itself. Some were disappointed to see the mighty aircraft carrier veer right before entering Oslo's main harbor and disappear behind local islands. Given the current wartime situation in Europe, the reaction of most Norwegians seemed to be positive, or at least subdued.

Thousands of American sailors were due to have shore leave to visit Oslo during the vessel's stay, via shuttle ferries from the ship. That prompted the US ambassador to Norway to joke to newspaper *Aftenposten* that Norwegians should "run and hide," quickly adding that, "no, I'm just kidding. Wish them welcome as friends." Local bars and restaurants were gearing up for extra business.

Norwegian Defense Minister Bjørn Arild Gram, during his visit to the ship, said: "This is Norway's security. It is a clear expression of the security guarantees we have through NATO, not least the close co-operation and partnership we have with the United States."

*The tallest building in Oslo is probably the Radisson Blue Plaza Hotel at 384 feet.

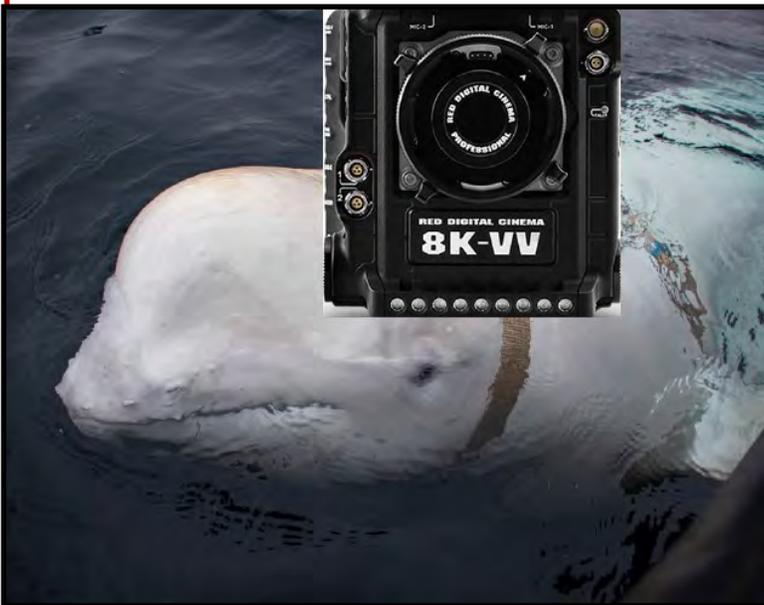
Hvaldimir the Beluga Whale

RUSSIAN AGENT SPYING ON NORWAY

Norwegian government officials have warned residents to steer clear of a friendly beluga whale that experts say may be a Russian “spy” swimming along the country’s coastline.

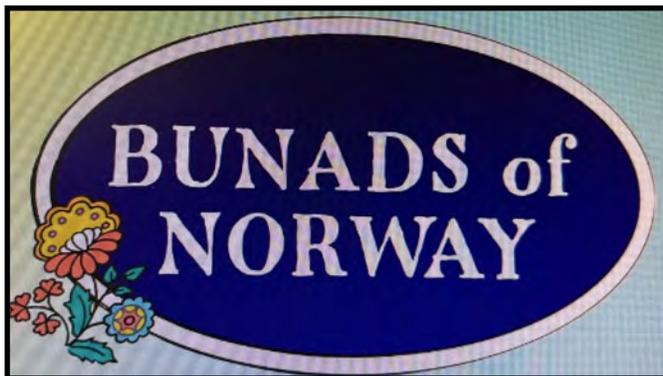
The adorable sea creature, nicknamed **Hvaldimir**, was first spotted in 2019 wearing a harness branded “St. Petersburg” with mounts for an underwater camera — leading experts to believe he was trained by the Russian Navy.

The suspected slippery secret agent popped up again recently in the densely populated area of Inner Oslofjord, where he has been following boats and making a splash with folks on board, the Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries warned this past May 24th. – as reported by BBC and others.



Our own intrepid reporter, Dick Tracysen, has been on duty in the North Atlantic and the North Sea and was able to take this photo of Hvaldimir with the rather unobtrusive but highly sophisticated spy camera strapped to his back. Mr. Tracysen reports that Hvaldimir was actually asking for asylum but so far the Norwegian government has demurred and is insisting on a background check from the Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries before considering his request.

BUNAD BONANZA



Interactive Bunad Map – Check out the fun new feature on Sons of Norway’s website. You can view pictures of bunads from throughout Norway and learn more about each style. <https://www.sofn.com/bunad-map>. — *This is really well done –Editor*

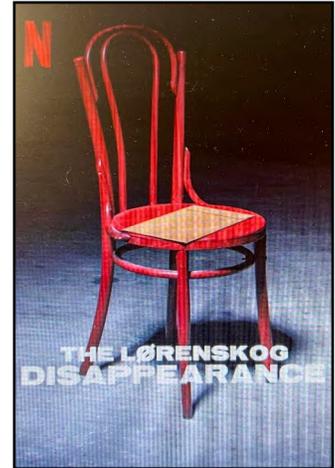
MODERN NORWEGIAN CULTURE PAGE

On Netflix

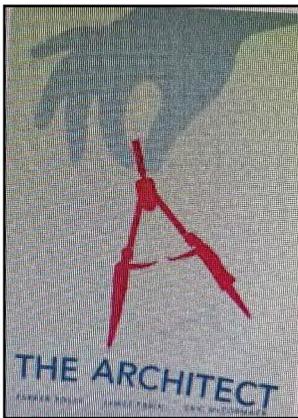
THE LØRENSKOG DISAPPEARANCE

(Forsvinningen på Lørenskog)

A five-episode “Norwegian Noir” production on Netflix. When a billionaire’s wife vanishes, Norwegian police must deal with the frenzied press and deceitful informants to find the truth. Based on real events. In Norwegian with English subtitles available. Seems to have received only so-so ratings, but we have watched all episodes and think Norway enthusiasts will find it of interest.



NORWEGIAN AND OTHER SCANDINAVIAN FILMS AND TELEVISION



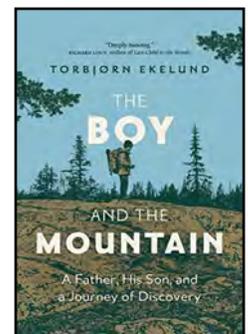
There is a streaming service available on-line that streams Scandinavian films and TV shows called Viaplay. “Watch original Scandinavian drama and critically acclaimed movies from **Viaplay**. Experience the best Nordic series and movies right now from Viaplay. Viaplay is where you are. Download offline content... Cancel whenever you want.” They offer a 7-day free trial and thereafter charge \$5.99 per month. They have Nordic noir films, including a new four episode (19 minutes each) series that has received some acclaim called **The Architect**:

The setting is the near future when “cars have been banned from downtown Oslo.” A young architectural student named Julia enters a contest to determine how to solve the perplexing problem of quickly developing 1,000 affordable housing units in downtown Oslo. Well, it seems she lives illegally in a downtown parking garage...

New Norwegian adventure book

THE BOY AND THE MOUNTAIN

Norwegian author **Torbjørn Ekelund** takes his 7-year-old son August for a hike on Mount Styggemann, the tallest mountain in Norway, located in the Skrim Range near where they lived. We have not read the book yet, but we understand it is about their adventures, while woven into it is the story of another boy, Hans Torske, who hiked the mountain 100 years before and disappeared. (We have read another book by Ekelund, **In Praise of Paths**, which we found charming.) The text is only 131 pages, translated from the Norwegian by **Becky L. Crook**. About \$23 on Amazon.



SAVE THE DATE

CAMP OLDFJELL



2023

September 30th

to

October 3rd

Come Saturday & Sunday,
or for the full session



Folk Art and More

It's time to start working on projects for the 2024 Folk Art Exhibition at the biennial District Six Lodge Meeting & Convention in June, 2024. New this year, is a 'Viking' category to go along with the Viking Vision logo/theme. An 'Olaf' award will again be presented to a favorite digital/electronic program. So, start (or keep going) on your knitting, stitching, carving, painting, etc. or get creative with a digital program and/or the Viking theme.

SIDEBARS WITH THE EDITOR...



SONS OF NORWAY
DISTRICT SIX NOTIFICATIONS



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE

Get out your phones and make these calendar entries:

2023 Schedule:

June	Dark
July 15	*Picnic (See flyer, this issue!)
Aug	Dark
Sept 10	Camper Show and Tell
Oct 10	Regular Meeting
Nov 18	Vikingfest
Dec 9	Julebord

* Not at usual Harding Masonic Lodge venue

LODGE MEMBERSHIP



If you are interested in joining ROALD AMUNDSEN LODGE, our officers have membership forms at most of our events. Forms are also available on the International Lodge website (sofn.com).

By the way, guests are welcome at our meetings and events.

Are you not receiving Sons of Norway District Six notifications, such as the District Six newsletter? (Two have been sent so far this year.) You can always find them on the District Six website, but you should also check to make sure you are on the District Six's distribution list. Go to the Resources dropdown list and then choose Distribution Lists. You will see a subscribe option for all District Six Members.

"IN LOVING MEMORY"

Do you miss the all-sons of Norway necrology list that used to be in the published **Viking** magazine? It is now on the website. Go to the website and enter "In Loving Memory" in the Search line and you will find it.

2023 Memorial Day weekend, Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.



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HAPPENINGS, REDUX



Do you miss the fairly extensive “Happenings” section that is now much reduced in the published **Viking** magazine? Well, there are additional “Happenings” illustrated in Sons of Norway online: <https://www.sofn.com/happenings/>. It appears to this editor that it has been neglected some recently, probably due to staff shortages. But, check it out for additional lodge photos.

SEASONAL ADDRESS?



Maybe you are living in Paris this summer? Or the mountains of Norway? Maybe you will be experiencing a short stay in San Question?

You should know that it is possible to add a seasonal address by going onto www.sofn.com and logging in or setting up an account. When your member profile comes up, you have the option to add this information. You can also always update your phone number, address, or email address by clicking on the corresponding blue "edit" button. You wouldn't want to miss a single issue of the Navigator, would you?

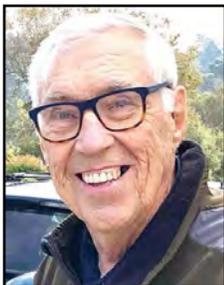
VIKTOR HOVLAND,

NORWEGIAN GOLFER

The twenty-five year old Norwegian won the Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio this past weekend. Last month he tied for third in Players Championship, and early he finished seventh in the fabled Masters Tournament . He has proven to be an exciting competitor on televised golf tournaments here in the US.



L. PIERCE LOBERG



Long-time lodge member **L. Pierce Loberg** passed away on March 2nd, 2023. He had been a member of Sons of Norway since 1975. He worked for the National Park Service in Yosemite and for Hedahl Construction as the engineer supervisor on the construction of Yosemite Lodge, Village Store and the warehouse. He and his wife Miriam owned a home in Wawona inside Yosemite National Park where they lived for 35 years.

Our condolences to the family. Son Steve Loberg was a member of the lodge for a period of time.



**REGISTER
STARTING
FEB. 1ST**

SONS OF NORWAY CAMP TROLLFJELL & FOLKHØGSKULE AT CAMP NORGE



**FOLKHØGSKULE
JUNE 25-JULY 8
AGES 14-17**

Family Transition Weekend
July 7 - 9
Come with your family!

**TROLLFJELL
JULY 9 - 21
AGES 8-13**



CAMP NORGE | ALTA, CA

Norwegian Language | Folk Dancing | Rosemaling
Cooking | Hiking | Games & Sports | And a Lot More...

For more info:
Website: sofn6.org/arv/
Facebook: Trollfjell
Instagram: trollfjellsofn





**COME JOIN
OUR STAFF!**

STAFF APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

CAMP TROLLFJELL & FOLKEHØGSKULE **HELP WANTED!** CAMP NORGE | ALTA, CA



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Counselors and interns needed for 2 weeks!

Come teach for a week or two!

**Open positions: Folk Dancing | Rosemaling | Cooking |
Arts & Crafts | Games & Sports**

If you have any other ideas for classes, please email!

For more info:
Website: sofn6.org/arv/
Facebook: Trollfjell Instagram: trollfjellsofn
Contact email: camp.director@sofn6.org





DISCOVER CAMP NORGE



Looking for a fun summer getaway?

Known as the "Gem of the Sierras," Camp Norge is the best kept secret for District 6 Sons of Norway Members.

The 50 acre camp is located right off of I-80 just 60 minutes from both Sacramento and Lake Tahoe.

House, Dorms & Cabins
\$25/person

RV Sites
\$30/RV

Tent Sites
\$20/tent

Swimming pool & horseshoe pit onsite. Plus nearby hiking & fishing.

Two halls that can seat up to 100, with commercial kitchens.

A great place for weddings, retreats & family reunions!

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www.campnorge.org