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“Heroes of Telemark” and “Ski for the Atom” Program at March S/N Meeting!!

The Board of Director's of Viking Fest '98 met in Waco on February 21. Most of you should receive this newsletter by or on March 11. At that point, it will be “45 Days to Go.” VF98 is to be held at San Gabriel Park in Georgetown, Texas, next month, Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26. The hours are 10am-8:00pm on Saturday and 10am-6:00pm on Sunday. Viking Fest President, Irma Peterson, has informed us that several more groups of entertainers have agreed to come: the Monaco Blue's Band, from Väfterås Sweden; Nil's Daughters from Houston; the Svenska Singers from Dallas (featuring a 4 year old girl violinist); the Svärdsjö Spelmanslag fiddlers from Sweden; and the Swedish Barkeryd Choir. Irma has sent an Internet announcement of VF98 to Sweden which appeared on the first page of “News from Sweden Today.” You can find this Swedish Internet newspaper at <http://www.sverigenytt.se>. There will be Arts & Crafts and Food vendors and Heritage exhibitors at VF98. A traditional Smörgåsbord will be held Saturday, April 25 in the Community Center of the Viking Fest Fair Grounds. There are only two seatings (5 pm and 7 pm). Tickets are \$12.00 per person (\$10 if ordered before March 31). Send check or money order to Panache Catering, 1207 Wroxtton Way, Round Rock, Texas 78664. Payment will be returned in full in the event of a total sell-out of both seatings.

The March 16 S/N Social Meeting will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm. The program will feature one of the most crucial Allied and Norwegian underground sagas of WWII in Norway --destruction of the German heavy water production facility in Rjukan, Telemark, Norway. Rjukan is about 100 miles (80 km) east of Oslo. I plan to show either a 90 minute BBC documentary or the film, “Heroes of Telemark,” and briefly talk about the books, “Ski for the Atom,” and “Assault in Norway.” I have a very personal interest in this historical event because my grandfather was the Chief of Police in Rjukan; an uncle was head of the Norwegian underground; and, another uncle was a counterspy in charge of the dam on which Norwegian paraskiers landed. I hope you all will be able to come.

**Fred and
Irma at
Viking Fest
Board
Meeting**



See you on March 16.

Fred

Fred Bolgen (512) 873-8786

Only 45 Days Until Viking Fest '98 !!

'Kong' Bjørn Dæhlie and Norway Excel in 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics

Germany won the most medals in the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics, with a total of 29 compared to 25 by second-place Norway (10 gold, 10 silver, 5 bronze). Germany has 78 million more inhabitants than Norway! Norway had the most total medals in the 1994 Lillehammer Games: a total of 26 medals compared to 24 by Germany. Norway had won no golds in Calgary in 1988, but has now won a total of 23 golds in the last three Winter Games.

Bjørn Dæhlie, 30, of Norway won gold medals at Nagano in the men's 10K classical cross-country skiing; the 50 K cross-country freestyle skiing race; and, shared the gold in the men's 40K relay. Dæhlie now has won 8 Olympic gold medals; three golds and one silver at Albertville in 1992; two golds and two silvers at Lillehammer in 1994; and three golds and one silver at Nagano. Dæhlie has 12 total Olympic medals, the most ever in the Winter Games.

Bjørn Dæhlie wins his eighth gold medal with close victory in grueling 50K Olympic cross-country race

(abstracted from, Gary Mihoces, USA TODAY, 2/23/98)

The men's 50 kilometer race is the marathon of Olympic cross-country skiing held on the last day of Olympic competition. Dæhlie admitted being mentally finished with the Olympics and a little bit tired before the start. After racing in 10th place through the first 8.5 kilometers, he started to rally and was fourth at the midway point. After 46.4 kilometers, Dæhlie had a lead of 31.4 seconds over Niklas Jonnson of Sweden. But Dæhlie said he barely made it to the finish line, winning by 8.1 seconds over Jonnson. "Over the last 2 or 3 kilometers, I was completely exhausted," said Dæhlie who collapsed after finishing in 2 hours, 5 minutes, and 8.2 seconds in slushy snow. "I thought I was going to stop and not be able to go anymore." But on a sunny day when slushy snow made the course slow and tough, Dæhlie won. "It's not human. The guy is incredible. He's just machine," says Patrick Weaver of Lenox, Mass, who placed 44th. Dæhlie competed in all five Olympic races on a course most skiers called the toughest they'd seen because of steep climbs and twisting downhill. Norway led with nine medals overall in men's and women's cross country.

NORWAY'S MEDALS IN NAGANO

BIATHLON

MEN-10K—gold; Ole Einar Bjoerndalen; silver, Frode Andresen

20K—gold; Halvard Hanevold

4x7.5K relay—silver; Egil Gjelland, Halvard Hanevold, Dag Bjoemdalen, Ole Bjoemdalen

WOMEN, 7.5K relay—bronze; Ann-Elen Skjelbreid, Annette Sikvekand, Gunn Andreassen, Liv Skjelbreid

CURLING, MEN

bronze; Eigil Ramsfjell, Jan Thorresen, Stig-Arne Gennestad, Anton Grimsmo, Tore Torvbraaten

SKIING-ALPINE-MEN

Downhill--silver; Lasse Kjus

Combined--silver; Lasse Kjus

Slalom--gold; Hans-Petter Buraas; silver, Ole Christian Furuseth

SKIING-CROSS COUNTRY-MEN

10K Classical--gold; Bjørn Dæhlie

15K pursuit--gold; Thomas Alsgaard; silver; Bjørn Dæhlie

30K classical--silver; Erling Jenve

50K--gold; Bjørn Dæhlie

4x10K relay--gold; Sture Sivertsen, Erling Jenve, Bjørn Dæhlie, Thomas Alsgaard

SKIING-CROSS COUNTRY-WOMEN

5K classical--bronze; Bente Martinsen

15K classical--bronze; Anita Moen-Guidon

4x5K relay--silver; Bente Martinsen, Marit Mikklesplass, Elin Nilsen, Anita Moen-Guidon

SKIING-FREE STYLE-WOMEN

Moguls--bronze; Kari Traa

SKIING-NORDIC COMBINED

Individual--gold; Bjarte Engen Vik

Team--gold; Halldor Skard, Kenneth Braaten, Bjarte Engen Vik, Fred Lundberg

SNOWBOARD-MEN

Halfpipe--silver, Daniel Franck

SNOWBOARD-WOMEN

Halfpipe--silver; Stine Brun Kjeldaas

SPEED SKATING-LONG TRACK-MEN

1,500--gold; Ådne Søndrål

Gratulerer Norge og Bjørn Dæhlie!!

Nordic Tidbits - Linnea Olsen Ward

Those of us fascinated with Scotland and Norway, alike, can delve into the history of the Shetland Islands which lie in the Atlantic ocean near the North Sea. They lie about 50 miles NE of Scotland's Orkney Islands and 210 miles west of Norway. The Shetlanders are of Scandinavian origin and their language still contains Icelandic words. Many Norse customs still survive. Ancient stone towers stand on the islands.



The Shetlanders celebrate their Viking origins on the last Tuesday of January with the festival Up-Helly-Aa. A specially selected group of men called the "Jarl's squad," dress up in full Viking regalia of horned helmets, battleaxes, armor, and capes, and parade through the island's capital, Lerwick.

After nightfall, the squad leads a torchlight procession of hundreds of costumed Shetlanders to the sea where a beautiful replica of a Viking long ship has been built. Gathering around the boat and singing, the members of the procession fling their torches at it. The long ship is consumed in a breathtaking inferno.

Jane's Nagano Nordic Sweater

S/N member, Jane Tackett, received a much desired birthday present. Her official Nagano Winter Olympics Nordic Sweater (by Dale of Norway) was ordered via the Internet. It has the official Nagano Winter Olympics patch on the sleeve. It also has several subtle patterns woven into it such as the



Japanese rising sun within which is a snowflake representing both Japan and Norway. On the front are dragons from mythology also representing both countries. The letters N-A-G-A-N-O are woven into the design around the back collar. Jane modeled the sweater at the February S/N meeting.

Valentine's Day Anniversary Party was Festive

Members of Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645 celebrated the first anniversary of the lodge with a pot-luck at Ascension Lutheran Church on February 14. President Fred Bolgen was toasted by the attendees for his leadership in helping to found the lodge and for serving as its first President. Erik Svenkerud summarized the lodge's first year by having the group suggest events that began with the letters C-L-E-N-G P-E-E-R-S-O-N. L is for Lutefisk, of course, and G is for Gjetost! Everyone received a handmade or recycled valentine. A big birthday cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all.

Calendar

March 13 American Nordic Club Dinner, Bombay Bicycle Club, 5804 N. IH-35, Austin; RSVP to W. P. Ludwig, Jr., 345-1468 or Jens Busch, 288-0022. Cost - \$15.75 per person.

March 16 S/N Cleng Peerson Lodge Social Meeting, 7:00, Ascension Lutheran Church; Heroes of Telemark/BBC documentary on Rjukan and the German heavy water facility. Don't miss this one!

April 14 or 15 Band from Bergen — Trond Nordvik and "PROFFENE." This is a tentative date for a band from Norway that wishes to come and play in Austin; it is their 10th anniversary celebration. Tish Hinojosa plays in their CD. The date, location, and time will be announced later.

April 25 Viking Fest 98 Smorgasbord, Community Ctr, Festival Fair Grounds; 5pm and 7pm seatings. Tickets, \$12.00 per person. Order tickets before March 31 for \$2.00 discount. Limited seating. Order only by sending checks to Panache Catering, 1207 Wroxtton Way, Round Rock, TX 78664.

April 25-26 VikingFest 98, San Gabriel Park, Georgetown, Texas.

Olympic facts

The largest crowd at an Olympic Game was 104,102 in the 1952 ski-jumping competition at the Holmenkollen, outside Oslo, Norway.

The greatest number of Olympic participants at a Winter Game was 1,737 (1,216 men, 521 women), representing 64 countries in Lillehammer, Norway in 1994.

**Sons of Norway
Cleng Peerson Lodge #1-645
Austin, Texas
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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.

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Happy March Birthdays!!!

8	Ray Tackett
10	Renee Hermanson
16	Duane Huseby
21	Summer Martinsen-Treviño

The March Meeting will be on

Monday, March 16th (7:00 pm)

at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Austin.

(6420 Hart Lane, corner of Balcones overlooking MOPAC, between 2222 and Far West)

HEROES OF TELEMARCK!!!

**BRING GODTER OG MATBIT
(GOODIES AND SNACKS!!!)**

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