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Wergeland Kalender

- ◆ March 7, 6:30 pm, General Meeting, American Legion
- ◆ March 10, Daylight Savings Time begins— move clocks FORWARD
- ◆ March 12, 5:30 pm, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16
- ◆ March 19, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ◆ March 28, Budstikken mailed to members
- ◆ April 4, 6:30 General Meeting



Fra Presidenten

Let me start this month's letter with an apology for the weather. Since I made my request for "a little snow", we have received measurable snow about every other day and even had a polar vortex thrown in for good measure. Two days later we had temperatures in the mid 40's proving that Mother Nature has a sense of humor. On a personal note, my wife and I made a trip to Chicago to visit our daughter in mid-February. She was able to get a couple of tickets to a Black Hawks game so I was able to attend my first NHL contest. We had planned to take the train but it was 11 hours late so we drove down. The trip down was fine but the homeward journey on Sunday was a snowy, slow going affair and we were happy to be home at the end of the drive.

Of course the weather also forced us to cancel our February meeting. I hope that everyone got the word ahead of time and did not travel to the Legion that night. Ramona did a great job getting the word out to the local media outlets and making calls and Shirley also added a group e-mail. I apologize if you were missed and I am open to any input on how we can best handle an emergency like this in the future. Murphy's Law says that the best way to prevent this from happening again is to be prepared.

Even though there is still snow aplenty, planning is going on regarding new member reception, the Syttende Mai banquet and pie and ice cream social along with the Luren singers. These are all important events in our lodge so look for news regarding these events at future meetings and in the Budstikken.

We have rescheduled our sweater night for this month's meeting so dress up in your finest and I will see you then.

-Dave

**Next meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2019, 6:30 PM at the
American Legion, 711 6th Street, La Crosse, WI**



Program for March

SWEATER NIGHT (2nd try)! Wear your Norwegian Sweater – for "style" AND for warmth!!

Program: Knute (Skip) Temte's Cruise Around the World

Lunch providers for March 7 meeting

Due to the cancellation of the February meeting, we didn't get to pass around the signup sheet. But never fear - Lunch Providers have been solicited. You know who you are!

Members are asked to donate \$3 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses.



Februar Birthdays

- 3 JoAnn B Wittchow
- 4 Anne M Farning
- 5 Monte J Hanson
- 8 Ronald A Nowland
- 10 Anne Marie Fleischman
- 13 Lorraine J Glanzer
- 14 Barbara Christianson
- 14 Willow Stokke Howe
- 14 Samantha McCabe
- 15 Frances Bateman
- 15 Kennedy Lane Larson
- 15 Marilyn J Rudser
- 16 Justin H Sanders
- 21 Charlene E Juen
- 23 Darlene S Bankes
- 24 Tana Star Bondy
- 25 Jill A Nelson
- 26 Jamie Maxwell-Basye
- 26 Sigurd Ray Rudser



Wear your **Norwegian Sweaters** to the meeting on ~~February 7~~ **March 7** for "Sweater Night" - we'll get a photo in our finery.



Mars Birthdays

- 1 Robert L Mickelson
- 1 Marilyn L Silbaugh
- 2 Douglas R Johnson
- 3 Lori Anne Dubczak
- 4 Jean A Davis
- 4 Barb Ann Skogen
- 6 David D Christianson
- 7 Cathy Jo Ells
- 8 Pamela J Knudtson
- 10 Terry L Loper
- 10 Debra A Roe
- 11 Kathryn R Beane
- 11 Annette L Sherry
- 11 Mary Jane Yerhot
- 15 Janet H Melby
- 16 Marlene C Mc Cabe
- 16 Elsie K Olson
- 20 Karen A DeSchepper
- 21 Gretchen P Jacobson
- 24 Mary E Cary
- 25 Alex M Aakre
- 25 Charles E Hanson
- 25 Eleanor Pederson
- 26 Leif L Marking
- 26 Annika Tanke
- 27 Kara M Stekel
- 27 Hannah Tanke
- 28 Mark Joel Quade
- 28 Karen Ann Saegrove
- 29 Jayden L Loper Schmitt
- 29 Ruth Ann Scholze



March 7 Program:

Come and hear about Knute Temte's cruise around the World!



Syttende Mai Banquet to be held at Drugans

Tickets for our May Wergeland banquet at Drugans will be available at the March 7 Lodge Meeting. Also, please contact **Carol Stekel** if you know of a **Hardanger Fiddle Player**, possible entertainment for the Syttende Mai banquet.



Spring Forward, Get Active

Are you ready to **SPRING** into action? With spring just around the corner, get busy with the Sports Medal program. Embrace nature like a Nordic, as you get active outdoors walking, hiking, biking and more. This is a fun way to work toward a goal and earn recognition medals. Learn more from the lodge sports director or log in at sofn.com and go to Member Resources.

Mollie B Polka Party

Mollie B and the band "SqueezeBox" were in the Clint Eastwood movie "The Mule." They are performing with the Jim Busta Band May 11th from 1-5 pm at the Fest Building in Spring Grove MN. Tickets are \$15 at the door, or \$12 if bought in advance by calling 507-498-5070 or at MollieB.com.

Wergeland Membership Directories are available from Shirley Schoenfeld for \$4 (free for officers). **Missing from the Directory** are two affiliate members of our lodge and the Director of Norskedalen. Please write them in the back page as follows:

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Til minner om...

...**Lois Willinger**, who died February 5, 2019. Our thoughts are with daughter **Kathy Anderson** and brother **Dick Marking**.

Condolences til...

...**Fran and Bob Batemen**, whose brother Wayne Bateman (84) of Hillsboro, died February 11, 2019. Our sympathy to their family.

...former District 5 Cultural Director, **Esther Charlton**, on the passing of her husband Robert. Robert was a familiar face at many Sons of Norway events, meetings, conventions and travels with Esther as she served the District. Robert attended the District 5 Convention in La Crosse last June.



Tusen Takk...

...to **Shirley Schoenfeld** for submitting our application for Lodge of the Year. Many hours of work and hair-pulling go into the report!

...to **Linda Schneider**, our Cookie Connection! She delivered the cookies to the Barnebirkie. Our total donation took a hit due to weather; maybe next year we can send our usual amount!

Speaking of the **Birkebeiner**, here are the top 3 finishers in both of the Birkebeiner races on Saturday, Feb. 21 (birkie.com/2019-results):

55K Birkie Classic Ski

- 1 Holmes, Peter Ketchum, ID, 3:04, pace 3:21/K
- 2 Babikov, Ivan Canmore, Can 3:05, 3:22/K
- 3 Schwencke, Fredrik Trondheim, Nor 3:07, 3:24/K

50K Birkie Skate Ski

- 1 Maifeld-Carucci, Akeo Craftsbury Common, VT, 2:12, 2:39/K
- 2 Gregg, Brian Minneapolis, MN, 2:12, 2:39/K
- 3 Liebsch, Matt Orono, MN, 2:12, 2:39/K

Velkommen til...

...**Charlene Lebakken**, who recently transferred into our Lodge.

...new member **Steven Johnson**. Steven is retired from ATK Onalaska where he worked as a machine operator. He and his wife Susie, have three sons – Darrel, Ben and Joshua, and one daughter, Sally. In addition their family includes three grandchildren and one great granddaughter. His hobby is fishing and enjoys Packer football. Both of Steven's grandfathers and one grandmother are from Norway so his Norwegian roots are very strong.

Stevner: Gatherings with a side of Research.

A Stevne is a meeting across several lodges, where genealogy and research are the goal. Several have been planned for the summer/fall (www.fellesraad.com/fell_calendar.htm):

June 2019

- June 11-13 **Nordlandslag** will meet at Prairie's Edge Casino in Granite Falls, MN. www.fellesraad.com/nordlandslaget/imagefolder/8.5x200_nord_poster_002.pdf
- June 20-22 **Vestlandslag** and **Valdres Samband** will meet at Luther College, Decorah, IA. Vestlandslag is made up of Hardangerlag, Møre Og Romsdalslag, Nordhordland / Sunnhordlandslag, Rogalandslag, Sognalag, Sunnfjordlag and Vosselag.

July 2019

- July 10-13 "Get "Koselig" with your Heritage" **Seven Lag** and **Agder Lag** will meet at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fargo, ND. Seven Lag is made up of Hadeland, Landingslag, Numedalslågenlag, Ring-erike Drammen Districts, Sigdalslag, Telelaget of America, and Totenlag. <https://www.7lagstevne.com/>

August 2019

- August 1-3 **Hallinglag Stevne** will be held in New Ulm MN at the Best Western Plus Hotel. www.fellesraad.com/hallinglag/#stevne
- August 7-10 "Close Encounters of the Norwegian Kind" **Tre-Lag Stevne**, a joint Stevne of the Gudbrandsdal Lag National, Trønderlag of America, and Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag, will meet at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, MN. nhohlag.org/home/stevne/2019-tre-lag-stevne/
- August 15-17 **Sognefjordlag Stevne** will be held in Lanesboro MN at the Lanesboro Sons of Norway #376.

September 2019

- September 10-14 "Come and find a cousin!" **Romerikslag** and **Solør Lag of America** meet in Willmar, Mn. Phone 218-739-2211 www.solorlag.com/stevne.html
- September 14 **Opdalslag** will meet at Scandia Lutheran Church in Centerville, SD.
- September 15 **Nordfjordlag** meets in Spicer, Mn. at Green Lake Bible Camp



Dis og Dat



Ron and Frieda Nowland, despite breaking bones (ankle and wrist) in a fall on ice, traveled to southern California two weeks later for a family event. The airline tickets were "use them or lose them." They felt four days of warm sunshine would speed their healing. What they got was four days of rain. Their daughter Naomi and her husband Scott accompanied them.

Zone Meeting: A Zone 2 meeting of Sons of Norway is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, and will be held in Stevens Point. District 5, of which we are a part, encompasses several states, and is divided into several zones. Zone 2 includes ten lodges from western and central Wisconsin, and a yearly zone meeting is an opportunity for members and officers to share ideas, learn more about Sons of Norway and various programs, and meet fellow Sons of Norway members. We will be sending a delegation from Wergeland Lodge, and if you'd like to take part, please let one of the officers or **Karen Broadhead** know, so that car pools can be arranged. The meeting runs from 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., with coffee and meet and greet at 9:30. A lunch will be furnished at a cost of \$5 (or less).

Have you 'liked' our **Facebook Page**, "**Sons of Norway Wergeland Lodge?**" That is one way to keep up on lodge events and announcements. Also, 'like' "**Sons of Norway District 5**" - there are a number of great photos and videos from the Barnebirkie.

Scholarship Time

District 5 Scholarship Applications Due March 15

Please direct any students to the District 5 webpage (sonsofnorway5.com) for more information on our offerings. Please Note: Prerequisites may apply.

- Two books scholarships are offered each year.
- An application for Oslo Summer School is available.
- One Norwegian folk high school application is provided.

The Sons of Norway Foundation provides numerous scholarships to our member families. Click the Foundation ribbon at the top of the SofN.com page to begin.

Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

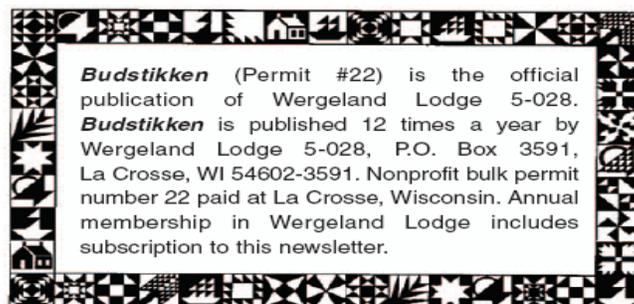
New Members: We will recognize New Members as part of the **April** meeting.

Older Than Dirt Quiz

Count all the ones that you remember, not the ones you were told about. Ratings at the bottom.

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or diners with table side jukeboxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines on the telephone
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. TV test patterns that were on at night after the last show until TV shows started again in the morning.
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S&H green stamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulb
20. Packards
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young
 If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older
 If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age
 If you remembered 16-25 = You're "older than dirt!"



2018: Year of High Achievement for Sons of Norway

From Eivind J. Heiberg, Chief Executive Officer of Sons of Norway: The numbers are reported, tallied and triple-checked – so today it is my pleasure to announce how Sons of Norway did with achieving our 2018 organizational goals. Here is the overview; the numbers tell the story.

Sons of Norway Goals for 2018

- Attain** 300 new insurance members
Achieved: 391 - 130% of goal
- Achieve** \$4.8 million in total life insurance premiums
Achieved: \$4.7 million - 98% of goal
- Accomplish** \$16.5 million in total annuity premiums
Achieved: \$10.8 million - 65% of goal
- Acquire** 3,300 new members
Achieved: 3,742 - 113% of goal
- Arrive at** \$200,000 Foundation funds raised
Achieved: \$307 thousand - 154% of goal

Exceeding three of five goals is a cause for celebration! Thank you. It could not have been done without the strong commitment and unwavering focus of each of you who heard the rally cry, then planned, recruited, sold, presented, networked and gave long hours of service to the effort. Due to your dedication and hard work, we have strengthened our fiscal vitality and ability to serve our members. Our Sons of Norway Foundation is grateful for its generous donors who share our core values and embrace preserving our heritage.

I also thank you for your early enthusiasm and commitment to success in 2019.

Sons of Norway Goals for 2019

- Attain** 410 new insurance members
- Achieve** \$4.9 million in total life insurance premiums
- Accomplish** \$11.3 million in total annuity premiums
- Acquire** 3,900 new lodge members
- Arrive at** \$210,000 Foundation funds raised

Our Sons of Norway family is certainly a loyal group, dedicated to our mission. I know we all look forward to the exciting opportunities that await us and propel us toward our 125th Anniversary in 2020. Thanks again for your support and substantial contributions toward achieving our goals.

Sven was just waking up from anesthesia after surgery, and his wife Lena was sitting by his side. His eyes fluttered open and he said, "You're beautiful, Lena," and then he fell asleep again. Lena had never heard him say that before so she stayed by his side. A couple of minutes later, his eyes fluttered open and he said, "You're cute!" Well, Lena was disappointed because instead of "beautiful," it was "cute." She asked, "What happened to 'beautiful'?" Sven replied, "The drugs are wearing off!"

WEATHER IN NORWEGIAN Vær på norsk



Norwegian Ridge Language and Culture Camp (poster below is small, so see norwegianridge.org for information.

June 10-14: 5-9 year olds: 8:30am to 2:30pm - \$195
June 17-21: 10 and older: 8:30am-5:15pm - \$295

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SPORTS | FUN | FOOD | FOLK ARTS

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June 17-21: 10 and older: 8:30am-5:15pm - \$295

This summer, we celebrate 150 years since the birth of Gustav Vigeland, the creator of the world's largest sculpture park, as well as 500 years since the first Norwegian book was published. Where else can you experience such eclectic programming but Spring Grove, Minnesota?

Norwegian Ridge

VELKOMMEN!
Language camp is set in Spring Grove, the first Norwegian settlement in Minnesota. Students learn Norwegian traditions and basic language skills through group projects that explore geography, history, and contemporary culture. Participation in classes, games, songs, folk arts and shared mealtimes* creates unforgettable life lessons and friendships. Many volunteers from Sons of Norway Valheim Lodge 1-364 will assist the students daily with meal preparations.
*Students enjoy homemade Norwegian meals at midday.

Learning Opportunities
We will test your child's knowledge through fun games and challenges, develop individual strengths and team-player cooperation skills while soaking up the Norwegian language.

Hands-on Activities
Your child will develop Norwegian language skills and cultural knowledge via everyday activities throughout the week! We vary activities from year to year.

Advanced daily language lessons
These lessons will be for only age 12 and older due to the rigors of the learning environment.

Student Housing
Families from the community will be hosting students who need housing. Suggested donation for host family for a week is \$50.

Participation is limited, register soon.
Call 507.498.CAMP or go to norwegianridge.org











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Norwegian
crafts, language, food, traditions and more...

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Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2014

The Wergeland lodge youth will be presenting the March program. Their presentation will be a combination of singing and acrobatic entertainment. They are all looking forward to showing their talents and new things they have learned about their history.

The University of South Dakota Chamber Singers will be presenting their 2014 musical program entitled "The American Voyage" at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8 at North Presbyterian church at 1327 North Salem road in La Crosse.

Roger and Audrey Olson report that it may be cold but someone forgot to tell the robins. There are a dozen or more that come daily to eat and drink and it is a joy to see them. They are bright and beautifully colored – ready for a spring fling.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2009

Norskedalen is having its annual "Sweet Sweet Spring" Event Saturday, March 7, and a rummage and bake sale

Saturday, March 14. Anne Farning spoke about the Midsummer celebration.

Leif Marking said he is recording SON programs and DVD's are available in Wergeland's library for check out.

The program for March is presented by Ron Nowland. He traced his Irish ancestry back to Carlow, Ireland. Since his mother was Olson, he has a double heritage. When he toured Ireland he kept his eyes open for what the Vikings did a thousand years ago. There was a surprising amount of history with displays and museums about the "Viking Presence in Ireland."

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2004

At our March meeting, Norway was brought to us in the form of a wonderful Norwegian Folk Music Concert by ten students from Valle in Setesdal. The students are all 18-20 years old. They sang, played flutes, piano, guitar and the hardanger fiddle. Over 200 people attended this neat cultural event. The group is currently touring the United States from New York to Minneapolis.

Masse Moro Heritage Camp: Registration Information and Scholarship Opportunities

Masse Moro, the District 5 Heritage Youth Camp, is a Norwegian heritage camp for youth ages 9-15 years old sponsored by the Sons of Norway Fifth District, located in Fall Creek, WI, near Eau Claire. The two-week camp includes learning Norwegian skills and crafts and hearing about history and traditions. Information and registration forms are available at <https://www.massemoro.org>.

To help offset the Camp Tuition of \$800, below are THREE scholarship opportunities.

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarships for Masse Moro

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Committee announces that there will be 2 scholarships made available for the year 2019, each in the amount of \$200 to cover 25% of the total fee for year 2019 District 5 Heritage Youth Camp.

The completed Application must be postmarked by April 15th. Information about the camp is at http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/masse_moro_heritage_camp.php.

Application forms are available from Karen Broadhead or Carla Burkhardt, or can be requested from the Scandiana Treasurer, Oleif Olsaker, 114 Maplewood Trail, Michigan City, IN 46360, 219-874-7457, olsaker@comcast.net.

Wergeland Masse Moro Scholarship

An award of \$150 will be awarded to a Masse Moro camper. More information will be available later this spring.

District 5 Match of Wergeland Scholarship

District 5 will provide a Local Lodge Supporting Grant match up to \$150.00 per camper. The application form is due May 17 and is available from Karen Broadhead or Carla Burkhardt.



Masse Moro
Norwegian Heritage Youth Camp

A little in English...

Liv Ullmann Celebrated on Her 80th birthday

Actor and director Liv Ullmann is known throughout the world. Sunday she turns 80 years old. She'll be given a proper celebration. Prime Minister Erna Solberg is among those who will pay tribute.

Liv Ullmann is one of Norway's international stars. As an actor she has been nominated for an Oscar twice. She has not won the highly regarded statuette, but she has received many other awards, both as an actor and director.

Liv Ullmann has lived abroad for years. But there has never been any doubt about her home turf. The newspaper Dagbladet recently visited her in Florida in the U.S. The journalist asked her if she still feels Norwegian.

"Oh, yes! I have traveled a lot, at times. But Norway will always be my home. Always," she said.

Ullmann played her first role in the Rogaland Theater in 1957. Then she played the girl Anne Frank. She became known through the role of Nora in the play "A Doll's House," but then she became a film actor. Ullmann played in 10 films directed by Ingmar Bergman.

Ullmann is also very popular in the United States. She played in several shows on Broadway, the theater street in New York. Later she has played in even more international films. She directed her first film in 1992. It was called "Sofie."

Litt på Norsk...

Liv Ullmann hylles på 80-årsdagen

Skuespiller og regissør Liv Ullmann er kjent i hele verden. Søndag blir hun 80 år gammel. Det feires skikkelig. Statsminister Erna Solberg er blant dem som skal hylle Ullmann.

Liv Ullmann er en av Norges virkelige verdensstjerner. Som skuespiller har hun vært nominert til filmprisen Oscar to ganger. Hun har ikke vunnet den gjeve statuetten. Men hun har fått mange andre priser, både som skuespiller og regissør.

Liv Ullmann har bodd i utlandet i årevis. Men det har aldri vært noen tvil om hvor hun hører hjemme hen. Nylig besøkte avisa Dagbladet henne i Florida i USA. Journalisten spurte henne om hun fremdeles føler seg norsk.

–Å, ja! Jeg har i perioder reist mye rundt. Men Norge vil alltid være hjemmet mitt. Alltid, sa Liv Ullmann da.

Ullmann spilte sin første rolle på Rogaland Teater i 1957. Da spilte hun jenta Anne Frank. Hun ble kjent gjennom rollen som Nora i stykket «Et dukkehjem» Men så ble hun filmskuespiller. Ullmann spilte i ti filmer som Ingmar Bergman regisserte.

Ullmann er også svært populær i USA. Hun spilte i flere show på teatergaten Broadway i New York. Senere har hun spilt i enda flere internasjonale filmer. Hun regisserte sin første film i 1992. Den het «Sofie»

Norwegian Cheese Claims Top Prize in 2018 International Competition

The annual World Cheese Awards—known as the largest cheese-only competition on the planet— has been bringing together cheese lovers around the globe for over three decades. The recent 2018 competition was particularly exciting for Norwegians as it not only took place in Norway for the first time ever, but was also a home win for the local Norwegian cheese producer Oste-gården.

Out of the record breaking 3,472 cheeses from 41 countries that participated in the past year's competition, Fanaost, an aged Gouda-style cheese, came out on top. This champion cheese took nearly 12 years to produce and was made on a small Norwegian farm of just 12 cows.

The event took place in Bergen in partnership with Hanen, a local organization promoting the best that the Norwegian countryside has to offer. With the increasing popularity, pride and knowledge in Norwegian food culture and traditions, timing played a wonderful role in this year's win.



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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center

Hours From Nov - Mar:
Monday-Friday from 8am--4pm
Saturdays 10am--3pm
Sunday from 11pm--3pm



Guided homestead tours, when a guide is available, will be at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Monday through Saturday, and 1 and 3 pm on Sundays. Self guided audio tours will be available in any event.

Admission rates for all programs with the exception of Heritage classes is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, \$15.00 for families, and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

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