



SONS OF
NORWAY

The Desert Viking

May 2023

Sol-Land Lodge

Kennewick, WA

Upcoming Meetings

The May meeting was a celebration, and we would like to thank Rolf Skorge for his enjoyable presentation on Syttende Mai.

The June meeting on June 16th will celebrate Midsummer. We will have a short presentation about midsummer in Scandinavia, perhaps play some Kubb, and enjoy a picnic meal. Members are asked to bring their favorite picnic food to share.

The June board meeting will be June 19th, 7 PM at KFL. All members are welcome to attend.

We will not be holding a July meeting, but we are encouraging our members to attend the D2 Steak Fry on July 15th, and ticket sales stop on July 7th. The Steak Fry is a great place to meet members from across most of D2 at a lovely ski lodge in the Cascades, and the money raised helps to keep Trollhaugen running. If you have not been to Trollhaugen, you have been missing out!

We also need a few members who would like to help with running the Kubb/Horseshoe tournament that day. There isn't much 'work' involved, just time. The competition will be done well before it is time to eat. We need to be at Trollhaugen by about 9:30, which means leaving the Tri-Cities by 7. If you are willing to help out, please contact Nancy (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).

The third Friday in August is the 18th. The theme will be "Picturing our Heritage", and we will have more details for you, so come to the meeting this month and watch the newsletter for more information. The day after that is the D2 golf tourney in Leavenworth – registration deadline for either the tournament OR the buffet is **August 1st**.



Sol-Land Lodge holds a monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month. We have a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Guests are not expected to bring food just to come and enjoy themselves! The cultural program begins about 7:30. We meet at Kennewick First Lutheran Church on the corner of HWY 395 and Yelm. We have a board meeting on the Monday after the regular membership meeting, beginning at 7:00pm, also at Kennewick First Lutheran. If you wish to come to a meeting, but do not have transportation, please contact us and we will arrange it for you. If you are interested in a membership, give one of us a call; we can tell you what we are all about and how to go about becoming a member. You can also visit our lodge website at www.sol-land.org.

Norsk Kulturdag and Taste of Scandinavia

Our first Kulturdag was a mixed success. We had a good variety of interesting cultural displays/demonstrations/hands-on activities for young and old, but we had a very limited turnout – even from lodge members. This may have been partly accounted for by the weather, but we need more lodge participation to make an event like this successful. Part of the object was to gain insight into what types of classes/programs the members might want and enjoy.

We have determined that a full-scale Taste of Scandinavia this year is not feasible, so rather than stopping it altogether, we have come up with an alternative. Planning is underway now to have a "Taste of Scandinavia Lite," most likely in mid-November, centering on a large early-holiday Scandinavia goodies bake sale to raise funds for the lodge treasury, with other cultural displays and activities yet to be determined. We will be publishing details as they are settled.



Sol-Land Lodge 2023 Officers:

President	Greg Holter
Vice President	Laura Kostad
Secretary	Nancy Holter
Treasurer	Lucinda Twedt
Counselor	Virginia Fields
Social Director	Rennae Rosenberg
Cultural Director	Gretchen Makinson
Asst. Cultural	Ron Rolla/Joe Molvik
Sport Director	Lisa Bartholomew
Foundation Director	Nancy Holter
Publicity Director	Kristie Edwards
Editors	Sara Watson/ Nancy Holter
Musician	Linnea Hillesland
Librarians	Gretchen Makinson/Maureen Woodward
Marshall	Brad Horst
Assistant Marshall	Dave Payson
Greeter	Donna Smitt
Asst. Greeter	Ginger Fields
Sunshine Committee	Laurie Tyssen
Scholarship Chair	Dick Nordness
Tubfrim Chair	Laurie Tyssen

2024 District Convention

The next District 2 convention will be held May 29 – June 1, 2024 in Coeur d’Alene. Now is the time to think about attending. You can go as a delegate elected by the lodge – with our drop in membership, we will most likely be allocated 2 delegates instead of the three we have had the past few conventions. Members who are not delegates can also attend the convention to observe and to interact with other members from around the District (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska).

There are several District offices that will be vacated in 2024, and if you have an interest in running for a District office, you must be an elected delegate AND own a Sons of Norway financial product – insurance, an annuity, etc. The District nominating committee will begin looking for candidates this fall. If you would like more information about attending a convention, what goes on at a convention, or the various District offices, you can ask members of the lodge board who in the lodge might be able to answer your questions.

District 2 Events

Steak Fry, Horseshoe and Kubb Tournament July 15, 2023.

Come and participate in the Family and group activities we are planning for the day. All activities will start at 10:00 AM. District 2 invites you to a Horseshoe and Kubb tournament Starting at 10 AM

Happy Hour (BYOB) 2:30pm

Dinner is 3:30pm

Tickets are \$30.00 Reservation deadline: 7 July 2023

For dinner reservations: **Contact Bill Hicks (425) 672-0194** or e-mail at:

Hicks1015@msn.com

For overnight reservation e-mail

Trollhau@outlook.com

Game on!

Yes, you read that right! Join us for a low stakes kubb and horseshoe tournament that will take place the morning of the Annual Trollhaugen Steak Fry.

Registration Starts at 9:30 AM

Tournament Starts at 10:00 AM

Donation of \$5 is requested for snacks.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Laurie Berg:

laurieberg.lb@gmail.com

If you would like to stay for a night or the whole weekend, please contact the Trollhaugen Managers (509) 656-9997; Trollhau@outlook.com

District Two Golf Tournament

August 19, 2023; Leavenworth Golf Course, all ages are welcome. If you don't play golf, you can still attend the banquet to enjoy the company of other members.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER is August 1, 2023. No exceptions.

ADVANCE TICKETS

\$125 per player, including golf, cart, lunch and banquet.

\$30 per additional banquet plate for Guest.

CONTACT Laurie Berg:

Laurieberg.lb@gmail.com



Language Camps are back!!

2023 Registration for District 2 Youth Camps is open. The camps are:

Camp Trollhaugen - (ages 13-15) Easton, WA June 25 - July 8, 2023

Camp Nidaros – (ages 9-12) Gearhart, OR July 9 - 22, 2023

Camp Normanna- (ages 9-12) Lake Riley, WA July 23 – August 5, 2023

Total all-inclusive tuition for each two-week camp is \$700. Registrations will be recorded in the order in which they are received. To attend camp, children must have a parent, grandparent or sponsor who is a Sons of Norway member in District 2.

There are two District-wide scholarships available to campers. The Draxten Memorial Fund awards funds to D2 campers who are also receiving funds from their local lodge. The amount varies from year to year, based on the total number of awards handed out. The Sofie/Olson Memorial Scholarship Fund supplies money to the children and grandchildren of district members to attend D2 youth camps. Please let a lodge officer know if you register a child for camp as in the past we have offered a small scholarship.

If you are interested in sending a child to camp, please contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) for more information and application forms.

Speaking of camp...

They need a few more campers to make it a go, BUT it looks like the **Doreen J Parker Heritage Retreat 2023** is going to happen this year, so get your applications and checks in as soon as possible and let them know you are coming. The dates are Sept 15th – 17th.



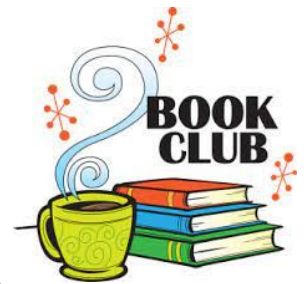
Heritage Retreat is an opportunity to learn more about Scandinavian culture – Rosemaling, hardanger, genealogy, cooking, maybe even some singing and dancing! It is an opportunity to enjoy The Jewel of D2 (Trollhaugen) without 3 feet of snow, and to make or renew friendships with other members from D2.

Your registration fee covers everything – room, board, teachers, even all supplies you might need. Registrations paid before August 15th are \$150, after that the cost rises to \$160 per person. For more information and registration forms, you can talk to Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com) or check out the “new and improved” D2 website (<https://www.sonsofnorway2.com/>) under “events”.

Nordic Book Club

Sons of Norway has a nationwide Book Club that ‘Zooms’ the last Thursday of the month.

To join the Sons of Norway Book Club, send an email with your name, lodge name and contact information (phone number and email address) to SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com. The June selections are **(Main Read) *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World*** by Mark Kurlansky and **(Mystery Read) *Red Bones*** by Ann Cleves. The July selections are **(Main Read) *Children of Ash and Elm*** by Neil Price and **(Mystery Read) *Silence of the Grave*** by Arnaldur Indridason. The August selections are **(Main Read) *The Unseen*** by Roy Jacobsen and **(Mystery Read) *American by Day*** by Derek B. Miller. For more info – contact Nancy Holter (509-375-0919, sol.land.lodge@gmail.com).



Heritage Committee

The Sol-Land Lodge Heritage Committee held a reactivation meeting in May. The committee is familiarizing themselves with the procedures and proposal forms for use of funds from the Heritage Fund will be forthcoming, along with information on the criteria that will be used to judge proposals. So, if you have a fantastic idea for ‘growing’ our lodge, start getting your idea ready to submit.

calendar

June 16 – General Heritage Meeting – Picnic,
Midsommer presentation and Kubb!

June 19 – Board Meeting – 7pm

July 15 – Trollhaugen Steak Fry, Horseshoe and
Kubb Tournament

August 18 - 6:30pm – General Heritage Meeting -
“Picturing our Heritage”

August 19 – District 2 Golf Tournament -
Registration Deadline, August 1



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May Meeting





Norsk Kulture Dag

