

# Midnattsol

(The Midnight Sun)



## New Editors of the Newsletter

After a time well served Alfred Hovdestad has decided to hand over the newsletter to eager new hands. We would like to thank Alfred for the opportunity and for all the work he has done during the previous two years.

Your new editors are Chris Lambert, Heidi Sheehan, and Kathrine Marshall. Kathrine and Heidi are originally from Norway and have lived in Saskatoon for the last 13 and 10 years respectively. Chris is a Saskatonian who has become familiar with the Norwegian culture and language through Norskole over several years. Together we hope to give you a newsletter that reflects Norwegian culture and current Norwegian lifestyle as well as updates on all the SNCS activities here in Saskatoon.

We have done a bit of "spring cleaning" in the newsletter and you will notice a few changes. New features in the newsletter are little tidbits about Norway, news updates or a "Did you know" section. The layout of the newsletter has also changed. Most readers now access the newsletter through email and not printed form. It was time for a make-over! If anyone has further suggestions or ideas please contact us as we are open and excited to include new and fresh points of view.

We hope you are all enjoying the lovely spring season and that we will see you soon at the Lefse Bee and the 17 May celebration. GOD VÅR!



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## NorSkole closing March 28 2011



After a great semester of learning Norwegian we had our last closing for the summer. The children had a great time dancing and acting and singing their version of KLMs "se torsken" (ode to the cod).

The children and the adults did a great job.

We also celebrated Omar's big birthday with a beautiful Norwegian inspired cake.

And we are looking forward to seeing everyone again in September.



## Norway's curling pants

Did you know that team member Christoffer Svae is responsible for the team's sense of fashion?

He offered to go out and pick out new pants for the team before the Olympics and he showed up with "the" pants. The team just said «No, No, no» and laughed it off as a joke.

One of the guys said: «The fall can be big, so we might as well have some fun on the way down»

Little did they know how big of a success they were going to be!

Want to get a pair? Follow the link below.

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Want to be a part of the Board of Directors?

**We are in need of:**

- Vice President
- Social Director
- Assistant Social Director

Please consider spending a few hours a month to bolster and maintain our great Norwegian Cultural Society.

*Some upcoming dates to put on  
your calendars:*

*Lefse Bee May 5, 6, and 7th at Zion Lutheran church  
basement*

*May 17<sup>th</sup>. – See information in this newsletter*

*Baking Bee: July 23 and 24th*

*Folkfest: Aug. 18, 19 and 20th*

*For more information or to volunteer, call  
Margaret Kleiv at 343-7037.*

Hello and Thank you.

Welcome to National Volunteer Week. Saskatoon is home to some of the finest volunteers in Canada. With everything from the Brier to hospital volunteers to snow angels, Saskatoon is a great place to live. Although it didn't make the Star Phoenix list (at least not yet), one of the great things about Saskatoon is the annual Saskatoon Norwegian Cultural Society Lefse Bee. This year the Lefse Bee is being held on May 5th, 6th and 7th.

This will be our 30th Folk fest. 30 years, all thanks to our wonderful volunteers. We couldn't do this without you, so **Thank you!** This year, like every other year, we need volunteers, lots of volunteers. If you can spare a morning or an afternoon we would really appreciate it. Or if you are busy in May, perhaps you could spare some time in August for Folkfest. Each year we need people -young and not so young - to help out with jobs such as buttering lefse, or serving lunch, or cleaning tables or simply greeting our visitors with a friendly smile! If you can spare some time and would like to help out with some of the world's friendliest people this side of Oslo please give us a call.

Again, thank you for your volunteer contributions over the years. If you would like to help out with this year's Lefse Bee, or with Folkfest, please call one of the people below:

Joan Stalwick      242-9289  
Margaret Kleiv    343-7037  
Alfred Hovdestad 373-6694

And I'll see you ... at the Lefse Bee.

Alfred Hovdestad  
Norwegian Pavilion Manager  
Saskatoon Folkfest 2011



# CULTURE CAMP

Sponsored by the Sons of Norway

When: Week of July 18 to 22 for adults and children Grade 1 and older.

Where: Grace-Westminster United Church, 505-10th St. East

Activities: For kids: Crafts, folkdancing, cooking and woodworking  
For adults: Hardanger, folkdancing, Swedish weaving, klokkestreng embroidery, cooking and more.

Cost: \$50 per week. This includes lunch and nutrition breaks.

Contact: If interested call Bjørn Tokle at 373 9803



## DID YOU KNOW?

There is also an election going on in Norway right now.

Municipal and county elections will take place on Monday 12 September 2011. Representatives will be elected to municipal councils in 430 municipalities and 19 counties.

Seven political parties are battling for the Norwegian people's votes, and the election campaign can be every bit as uncivil in Norway as in Canada. Updates in the next newsletter.



# BLÅVEIS & HVITVEIS



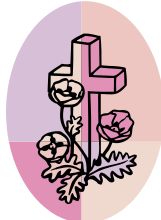
For those of us that love flowers the spring is a very special season in Norway as the lovely Blåveis and Hvitveis are poking up through the forest floor. The vibrant blue forest Anemone (Blåveis) is the first sign of spring, much like the Crocus in Canada. It appears sometime in March or April.

The white forest Anemone (Hvitveis) flowers a bit later in the spring but it is so magnificently abundant it is no second show to any flower. The Hvitveis will cover large areas of the forest floor and can almost look like snow. The white forest Anemone grows in Canada too, but like many things in Canada, it is quite a bit larger than the one that grows in Norway. However, they are both equal in beauty and both a welcome sight in the spring.



Photo by Artemis, pixdaus.com

We wish to extend our condolences to Dennis Moffat for his sad loss.  
His mother, Agnes Elizabeth Moffat, passed away on April 18  
in Cabri, Saskatchewan, at the age of 85 years.





## CALLING ALL NORWEGIANS TO CELEBRATE 17.MAI!

Norwegian Grunnlovs Dag (Constitution Day)

BRUBYEN LODGE, SONS of NORWAY

in collaboration with  
THE SASKATOON NORWEGIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

will celebrate at the

**PARK TOWN MOTOR HOTEL  
TUESDAY MAY 17, 2011**

Cocktails (Cash bar) 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m.

### **A MEDIEVAL VIKING FEAST!**

Barley Soup and Bread

Ribs, Chicken, Potatoes, Corn on the Cob

Cake

Served family style

Price: **Adults \$25.00**

**Children/Grandchildren 10 and under \$10.00**

Children under 2 years free



- Meet at 5:30 p.m at Meewasin Skating Rink
- for **Parade to Park Town Hotel**
  - Entertainment

**Deadline for tickets May12, 2011**

Doug and Phyllis - 373-6478

Bjørn - 373-9803

Dennis - 373 8728

# Successful Norwegian Cultural Weekend March 11-13 Camp Kinasao, Christopher Lake By Omar Aschim

Mother Nature smiled on us with good roads, beautiful deep clean fresh snow and blue skies for our 2011 cultural weekend at the beautiful Camp Kinasao. It was organized by Lori Morris and her committee of Language School Mothers and Others. They did an outstanding job in producing a weekend in which all of us could participate and enjoy. We numbered 46 plus a few additional day people.

Everyone had opportunities to try Norwegian knitting, *rosemaling*, relief wood carving, Norwegian cooking, snowshoeing, skiing, *spark* racing, Norwegian nature walk, relaxing by the fireplace, Norwegian monopoly and other table games, and some traditional Norwegian songs. Curtis Satre led the Sunday morning Devotion and gave an inspirational sermon on our respectful pride for our ancestor pioneers who had achieved so much after arriving on the barren prairies.



Views from the main lodge deck, early Saturday morning on March 12<sup>th</sup>.



Rosemaling class.



Norwegian knitting class.





Woodcarving class – flower design.



Skis, snowshoes, *spark*.



Norwegian Nature walks.



Perfect snow conditions for skiing, both in the bush and on the lake.





Kitchen volunteer team,  
Lunch time.



and the food line.  
Feet up, by the fireplace.



Norwegian Monopoly



Balancing blocks game





Broomball.



Anna organized the *spark* races.

The *spark* races were a popular event with excellent participation helped by Anna's enthusiasm and organizing skill. The course went some 200 ft up a gentle slope, and then returned downhill to the start location following a different lane, accompanied by loud cheering and laughter. We began the event by singing *Ja vi elsker dette landet*. There were doubles events with one kicker and one rider on each *spark*, singles events, and finally the relays with everyone present lined up for the hand-offs when each of the three *sparks* completed each lap. There were approximately nine relay laps for the twenty-seven children and adults participating. Still-pictures do not do justice to this event. Only video captured the sound and the action. Nevertheless, some still pictures of racing and hand-offs follow.



Anna and *Ja, vi elsker*.



Start of doubles races.



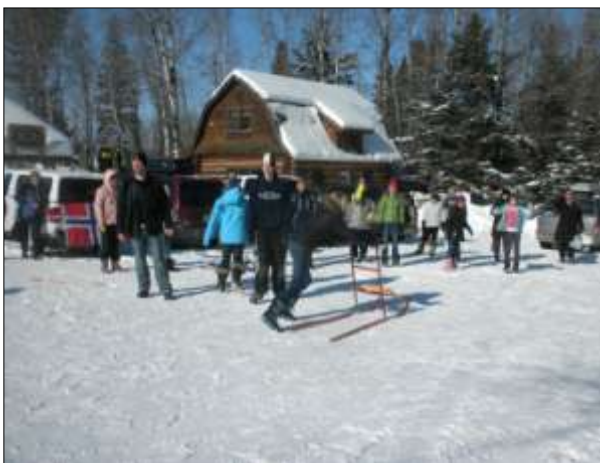
Doubles gliding to the finish.



Singles



Relays, right: coming in full speed for the hand-off to the next racer.



Relay hand-offs.



Right; two have already gone off ahead.



Another cultural weekend came to a close, but we are already looking forward to next year.

*På gjensyn*