



March Luncheon- Father/Son/Daughter Day

Our annual father/sons/daughter day luncheon is on February 9, 2019 with an invitation to our fathers, sons, daughters which we define to include grandchildren, great grandchildren, uncles ...you get the idea. Our speaker this month is **Kathy Glasder**, who is the mother and witness to the evolution of USA Olympic Ski Jumper Mike Glasder. Mike trained at the Norge Ski Jump in Fox River



US Olympic Ski Jumper Kevin Glasder

Grove IL, along with fellow Olympians Kevin Bickner, and Casey Larson. They represented the US in the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games. All three have additionally been inducted into the Ski Jumping Hall of Fame.

Recall that Mike qualified for the Men's Normal Downhill Individual and also the Men's Large Hill Individual, but didn't make the final medal round. Germany, Norway and Poland took the medals. With 3

other team mates, they placed 9th in the Men's Large Hill Team. They were a young team participating their 1st Olympics, and we suspect the future will be amazing. Mike is also invited to our dinner, although he has not committed. Ed Waters is the torskmaster this month.

Order Fish or Beef when you reserve this month

February Ladies Day Luncheon

We celebrated February and Valentines Day with the women in our lives joining us for the annual ladies day luncheon. The luncheon was well attended and festive. Our speaker was Nancy B. McCully, who gave a talk "*Stepping into Illinois History*". She noted that she enjoyed it as much as we did and could be available for other talks in the future. Thanks to all who helped with this enjoyable day.

By the way, the roses were supplied to us by C&R Flowers from Des Plaines. They have been our vendor for the past few years and have delivered fresh roses.

Torske Klub Luncheon - March 9, 2019

The luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847)824-1556 for directions that day). Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation by the evening of March 4 for the luncheon. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. \$5 surcharge for late reservations. **THIS MONTH SPECIFY FISH OR BEEF.**

Call **(847)886-4841** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. As usual, please leave your **MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME,** and the **TOTAL** number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. We have reservations from the following members: **3, 38, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 115, 120, 149.** Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel or add guest to the count. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, please send to reservations@torskeklub.com (not .org) with your total number of reservations, including yourself and guests. We will respond with a confirmation email. ****TIP** – Don't know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number by your name. **FREE Raffle Ticket** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2018/2019 season, **excluding father/son/daughter day in March** and excluding ladies day in February.



Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847)886-4841

Why is St. Patrick's Day Actually Celebrated?

The Chicago Torske Klub acknowledges and celebrates St. Patrick's Day on March 17 as does most of Chicago. We have good reason to... the vikings were part of Irish history, founding Dublin and Waterford (Vaterfjord), for instance. We published the story of St. Patrick's day about 15 years ago, but it is good to share it again as part of the sagas...

The Irish actually celebrate March 17th in commemoration of St. Patrick's great and noble deed in driving the Norwegians out of Ireland. Yes, you heard me correctly.

It seems that centuries ago many Norwegians came to Ireland to escape the bitterness of the Norwegian winter. Ireland was having a famine at the time and food was scarce. The Norwegians were eating almost all of the fish caught in the ocean, leaving the Irish with nothing but potatoes. St. Patrick, taking matters into his own hands, like most Irishman, decided all the Norwegians had to go. Secretly he organized the IRATION (Irish Republican Army to Rid Ireland of Norwegians). Irish members of the IRATION sabotaged all the power plants in hopes the fish in Norwegian refridgerators would spoil, forcing the Norwegians to a cooler climate where their fish would keep.

The fish spoiled all right, but the Norwegians, as everyone knows to this day, thrive on spoiled fish. Faced with failure, the Irishmen sneaked into the Norwegian fish storage caves in the dead of the night

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and sprinkled the rotten fish with lye, hoping to poison the Norwegian intruders, but as everybody knows, this is how lutefisk was introduced to the Norwegians, and how they thrived on the lye soaked smelly fish.

Matters became even worse for the Irish when the Norwegians started taking over the Irish potato crop to make lefse. Poor St. Patrick was at his wits end.

Finally, on March 17, he blew his top and told the Norwegians to "go to hell" -- and it worked, because all the Norwegians left Ireland and went to Minnesota, Dakotas, Wisconsin and Illinois. Uff da.

Torskeklub.org Website

Have you looked at our website? Although it has not changed radically in 16 years, it remains a repository of our history, and a bit of news occasionally. If you noticed the temperatures on January 29, you would see that while Chicago was in the polar vortex, the Norwegian arctic was much warmer and their south was relatively balmy.

Torskeklub.com also works to view.

Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of March: Ray Syverson, Rodney Lee, Eric Skoien, Hugo Lanesskog, Roald Harr, and David Bentsen Sr.

We welcomed Chris Gruener to our membership last month. He reports almost done with basic training. It is probably like many of you have gone through; in your face, take off your gas mask, let's do 5 miles today... Unlike the past, they post snapshots of it on Facebook: See "Echo Battery, 1st BN 40th Field Artillery "Eagles"

Future Events for 2019

- ◇ Mar. 9—Father/son/Daughter Day
 - ◇ April 13— Luncheon
 - ◇ May 11—Anniversary Day Luncheon
- See <http://www.torskeklub.org> or Facebook for more info

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