



Budstikken

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Wergeland Kalender

- ♦ May 3, 7:00 pm, Harry J. Olson Center, 1607 North St, La Crosse
- ♦ May 8, 5:30 pm, Board meeting at Perkins on Hwy 16 near the mall
- ♦ May 21, Deadline for Budstikken articles
- ♦ May 21, 11:00 am, Convention Steering Committee meets at the Radisson
- ♦ May 30, Budstikken mailed to members
- ♦ June 7, 7:00 General meeting

Fra Presidenten



I hope that by the time you read this our weather will have finally turned the corner and we can enjoy some Spring weather. There is an old adage that the first robin gets snowed on three times but even the robins have to be thinking that enough is enough.

First of all, tusen takk to all those who helped plan, baked goods for the bake sale, worked the day of the event and sold or bought tickets for the performance of the Stoughton dancers. An event like this is truly a group effort and does not happen without the efforts of many.

Despite what Mother Nature has been up to, Syttende Mai is upon us. First up will be our May meeting which will feature a pot luck this year. The decision was made that since we are hosting the District 5 Convention in June and many will be attending the Saturday evening banquet that we would go with a pot luck so as not to overdue the banquets. Of course, this means that we will dine well with quite a few Norwegian delicacies to sample. The doors will be open at 6:30 and we will start the evening with our meal this month and move onto the meeting and program from there.

We will again be raising the Norwegian flag at City Hall this year. The flag raising and program are scheduled to begin at 9:00 on May 17 on the steps of City Hall in La Crosse so if you are available, stop by. The ceremony will again be followed by a group breakfast at Ardies for those who wish to attend.

Finally, our Wergeland Dancers will again be appearing in the Syttende Mai parade in Westby along with our officers car so come to Westby for the celebration.

Just a reminder, the convention is drawing near. If you are looking for ways to help let us know at the May meeting and if you are planning on enjoying some of the convention activities, be sure to get your registration forms into Shirley.

Happy Syttende Mai and I will see you at the next meeting.

Dave

**Next meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018, 7:00 PM (meal first) at
Harry J. Olson Center, 1607 North Street, La Crosse**



Program for May

Go, Take a Hike! Florence Overgard and Nola Larson will get everybody motivated each day," To Take a Hike"! It doesn't need to be a long hike, but it's important to keep moving! Don't stop! Once you start you won't want to stop. We will give you suggestions as to you getting started. Norwegian's adore nature, as we all do.

May 3 Syttende Mai "potluck"

Members are asked to provide open faced sandwiches, Rømmegrøt, Fruit Soup, and Norwegian baking for the May 3 lunch. The lunch will be right at 7:00 pm followed by the program above. Members are asked to donate \$3 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses. See p. 3 for food list thus far.



May Birthdays

3 Daniel Hammes
8 Claire Everson
8 Nicholas Johnson
10 Joyce Halvorson
11 Alex Hagen
12 Ardelle Ender
12 Benjamin Skogen
13 Emma Johnson
16 Adrian Hagen
20 Debra M Kennedy
20 Grant Simons
22 Trygve Mathison
22 Eric Pederson
23 Alex Stekel
24 Oscar Holter
25 Sarah Dammon
26 James Gums
26 Rod Ofte
28 Brian Rainer
29 Gregory Buczynsky
30 Erling "Pete" Sherry
31 Ruth Anderson

See page 3 for a list of Norwegian delicacies/chefs for the May 3 Wergeland Lodge meeting!

Sekretær Notater...

President David Glomstad called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Charter was draped in memory of Grace Hanson, a member since 1962 who died March 28, 2018 an Vern Olson who was a 50+ year member and passed away March 29, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the three national anthems were sung. One individual, who will be a new member, was recognized.

The balance in the checking account is \$1,140.98 after income of \$677.49 and expense of \$1,047.67. The other accounts had no activity to report.

The Foundation cans were passed while general announcements were made.

- There will not be a new member luncheon on April 7th at Schmidt's due to lack of participation.
- Arne Halverson from Norway will be at Westby VFW on Friday, April 13th.
- M. Rudser will have tickets available for the Stoughton Dancers until April 18, 2018.
- Lee Grippen proudly displayed his St. Olaf medal for us all to see.
- A reminder was shared regarding the bake sale at the Stoughton Dancer event on the 22nd of April.
- Ramona Johnson said that a convention volunteer meeting will be held at the Radisson to give the volunteers a tour of the rooms we will be using. The meeting is scheduled for noon on April 16th.
- It has been decided that with the banquet scheduled at the convention, instead of having the usual May banquet, the members will bring Norwegian dishes and treats to share with Lodge members. The event will be at the Harry J. Olson Center.

The Foundation cans collected \$44.56

The monthly drawing was held. \$35.00 each was shared by Phyllis Galstad, Doc Brudos and the general account.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Florence introduced Lori Dubczak, the executive director at Norskedalaen who brought us up to date on the new, the remodeled and plans that are being made for Norskedalen

There were 60 people in attendance. \$160.00 dollars was collected for the meal.

Kathi Beane, Assistant Secretary

May 17 is Syttende Mai, or Constitution Day in Norway. Here are a few local activities:

- **Raising of the Norwegian Flag at La Crosse City Hall 9:00 am, May 17**
- **Syttende Mai in Spring Grove, MN: May 18—20. Grand parade is on Saturday, May 19. See <http://sgsyttendemai.com/>**
- **Syttende Mai in Westby, WI: May 19—20. Wergeland Dancers perform on Saturday, May 19th 3:00 PM – 5:00PM. Wergeland Lodge is represented in the parade Sunday which starts at 1:30. See <http://www.westbysyttendemai.com/>**

MAY 3 Wergeland Lodge Norwegian meal

Our May 3 Lodge meeting will begin with a Norwegian meal. All attendees of the May 3 Wergeland Lodge meeting are asked to contribute to our celebration of **Syttende Mai** as we share a "Norwegian Potluck." The following items are planned and there is room for more cooks!

Cookies (2 dozen each): Marilyn Rudser, Bev Ranis, Karen Broadhead, Jean Davis and Jan Brudos, Carol Stekel, Darlene Erickson, Shirley Schoenfeld, and Fran Bateman

Open Face Sandwiches (2 1/2 dozen): Bev Mahlum, Eugene Johnson, Laura Ira, Joan Everson, Jean Davis, and Dee Johnson

Rømmegrøt: Ramona Johnson, Vivian Sacia, and Carol Wadel, Eugene Johnson

Fruit Soup: Lee Grippen, Frieda Nowland, Doris Henderson

Lefse: Carla Burkhardt

Flat Bread: Elsie Olson, Darlene Erickson and Pam Knudtson

NEEDED: Herring, more lefse, and one more Fruit Soup

Please contact Doris Henderson with offerings and/or questions: 507-896 2205, 507-429-5513 (cell), wyndnroc@acegroup.cc

May 1 is the deadline to register for a Cultural Class at the Convention!

There are many interesting classes: hardanger, Norwegian 2-color knitting, Sami bracelet (wire weaving) and Norwegian genealogy research. The instructors are excellent and well qualified and costs are low. (Plus you are on your way to attain a SON Cultural Pin.) The registration form is on the District 5 website, or contact Shirley Schoenfeld. Be proud of our heritage!

Til minnen om...

...the family of Vern Olson, who passed away on March 29.

Tusen Takk...

...to all who made the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers Event a great success: bakers, coordinators, ticket sellers, and volunteers—it was a fun day!

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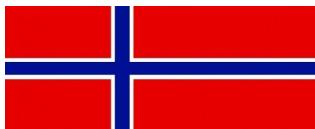
www.sonsofnorway5.com/conventions

Do you have a **bunad**? This is the time to show it off! During the convention banquet on June 30th, we plan to have a bunad style show. If you would like to take part in this, let Ramona Johnson know by calling or sending email to ajrjathome@msn.com. Phone # 608-7887507

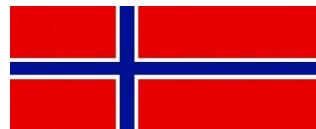
The **registration form** is in this Budstikken so you can make your reservations to attend the breakfasts, join the bus tour, attend any of the cultural events listed, join the Friday lunch or dinner, and come to the festive banquet on June 30th. You can also purchase a pin and T-shirt to remember this convention. Send this registration form to Shirley Schoenfeld.

Tusen Takk:

- ◆ Thank you for all the raffle items that were donated. So many very nice things that may be won by buying raffle tickets.
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who helped with our fund raising efforts. The chicken q held on a hot day last summer was a great success. Gary Knudtson headed this up and he had lots of good help.
- ◆ Many responded to the "no bake sale" and we are still receiving money for that.
- ◆ Thanks to everyone that signed up to volunteer at the convention. Many hands will make this all run smoothly.
- ◆ Thanks for all the "well wishers." With a \$2.00 donation to our convention fund, you will be listed in our convention booklet. It will be fun to see Wergeland lodge members listed.
- ◆ Thanks to Sandra Kawatski and the Wergeland Dancers. They will provide dinner entertainment on Friday, during the dinner on June 29th.
- ◆ Thank you to the FootNotes from Deborah, IA. They will be providing entertainment at the banquet on Sat. evening. Their old-time music reflects ties to the Norwegian-American community where they live. Come to the banquet, enjoy good food, a bunad style show, and great fellowship! Put June 30 on your calendar for this event.



Dis og Dat



Ron & Frieda Nowland presented “Greenland: Coolest Place on Earth” to the Sons of Norway Lodge at Apple Valley, MN, on April 14.

Jean Davis spent ten days in Phoenix in March. She stayed with her son Robert and also saw her granddaughter Renee Bondy and grandson Tyler Bondy and great-grandson Zackery. She took in some spring training games and enjoyed good weather.



Lee Grippen, as mentioned previously, was presented with the **Order of St. Olav** medal by the Council General on March 16. He wore the medal to the April lodge meeting, and here he displays the certificate he received.



Lee Grippen, Lori Dubczak, and Dave Glomstad pose after Lori's Norskedalen update.

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.

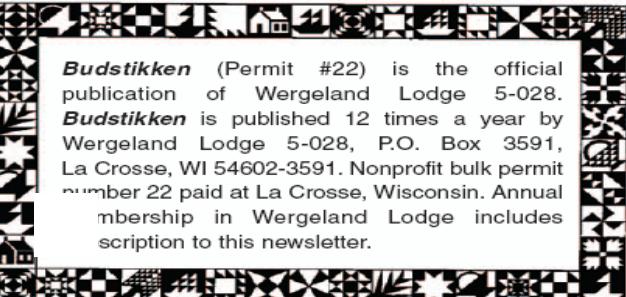
Do You Have a Sweater for the Gundersen Display Case?

If you are willing to share a sweater for Gundersen's Display, mark your name on a piece of paper and pin it securely inside the sweater. You could bring it to the SON meeting on May 3 and give it to Carol Stekel or you can call Sue La Crosse at (608) 775 3847 to arrange to get it to her. Photos will be taken of various designs and gift cards will be made from this. Thank you for considering to do this. Questions: Call Carol at 608 486 2175 or email jmstekel@aol.com

Our **April program** welcomed **Lori Dubczak from Norskedalen**, who reviewed the many updates and upcoming events at Norskedalen. One highlight is that the Skumsrud Farm has been renamed Thrunegaarden and offers Bed & Breakfast (without the breakfast) lodging. The Farm will be open for bus tours and special events, but not on a daily basis.

She also talked of the restoration needed after the flooding in 2016. Of the nine bridges lost, seven have been rebuilt.

Watch the events calendar for the Sometimes on a Sunday series, including May 6 presentation about Kubbstols by the Nowlands.



Sytte Mai: Something to Celebrate

The Norwegians have reason to celebrate on Syttende Mai. For more than 400 years, their once-so-powerful kingdom was the weaker partner in a union with Denmark.

Then came the “year of Miracles” – 1813 – when the outcome of the Napoleonic Wars broke up the established power structure in Europe. The Danish king, who had sided with Napoleon, was forced to cede Norway to Sweden. No one asked the Norwegians, who were outraged at the thought of their country being given away like a piece of Danish property. Equally outraged was the heir to the Danish throne, who, at that time, was governor of Norway. He sided with Norwegian leaders, and a constituent assembly was called.

The constituent assembly met at Eidsvoll in April and May 1814. It was a young crowd – most of the leaders were in their thirties. They were well informed about the ideals of the revolutionary French and American constitutions.

It took the assembly of 112 one month to give Norway a constitution, establishing Norway as a sovereign state and constitutional monarchy, ruled by the principles of liberty and democracy. It was the most liberal constitution in Europe at that time, clearly inspired by the ideals defended in America. Norway entered a union with Sweden in 1814, which lasted until 1905.

Adapted by Wergeland member Sandra Kawatski from a Sons of Norway radio program, “Norwegian News and Notes”

Reunion announcement:

Borghild "Borghy" Olson was a member and officer of Wergeland Lodge of the SON for many years. Several of her immediate family were members as well. Her son, Paul, of Chapel Hill, NC, has given the following information:

Every 65 years (but hopefully more frequently moving forward), a reunion is held bringing the Trond and Christense Lindevig descendants together. In 1848 Trond and Christense Lindevig came to Coon Valley from Norway. Trond and Christense had ten children, eight of whom married and had families of their own. This reunion will welcome family from coast to coast as well as Europe to Norskedaen from August 10-12.

Please go to WWW.LindevigFamilyReunion.com to register if you wish to attend the reunion. For more information, contact Paul Olson, paul@Lindevigfamilyreunion.com 561-445-7235



Hurrah! It's the 17th of May! As the nation's most celebrated holiday, Syttende Mai honors the anniversary of the signing of the country's constitution in 1814.

Over time the day and what it represents to the people of Norway has evolved greatly. Historically, May 17 stood as a day of politics involving speeches and rallies; today it is filled with national pride, festivities and tradition. Each year, thousands of people in Norway—and around the world—take part in waving Norwegian flags, marching in city parades and professing their love of Norway. Many of today's festivities are centered on music, food, children and graduating high school students.

The largest parade takes place in Oslo and consists of more than 75 schools and marching bands, and is even attended by the Royal Family.

For more facts about Syttende Mai and details on how the day is celebrated, check out the Sons of Norway blog at https://www.sofn.com/blog/2017/05/16/148/sytte_mai_10_fun_facts.

Sons of Norway's International Headquarters is now physically located at 11100 Bren Rd W, Minnetonka, MN, 55343. Any overnight packages should be sent to this address. A map and directions may be found online at www.sonsofnorway.com. The mailing address and phone numbers remain the same: 1455 W Lake St, Minneapolis, MN, 55408; 800-945-8851 or 612-827-3611.

Sven and Ole were busy shingling a roof when Sven noticed that Ole was throwing away about half of the nails.

Sven asked, "Vy are ya trowing avay all dose nails?"

"Vell, dey got da heads on da wrong ends!" replied Ole.

"Ole, you sure are stupid. Dose nails are for da udder side of da roof!"

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2013

The Syttende Mai banquet was held at Drugan's Supper Club, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Wergeland Lodge. Hannah Scholze presented the program, titled "A Pictorial History of Holmen: Establishing a Norwegian community in La Crosse County".

Golden member honorees at the May banquet included Burdonna Drugan, Kent Drugan, Ingeborg Gerber, Elnor Haugen, and Tim Ofte. (Elnor and Tim had previous membership in Helgedal Lodge).

Ingrid Fowler, James Halvorson, Charlene Harnish, Carol Marking, Leif Marking, Sandy Mattie, Anna Morris, Tim Ofte, Vilda Olsen, Don Peterson, Vivian Sacia, Shirley Schoenfeld, and Leann Theisen were honored as 25-year members of our lodge.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2008

Chuck Hanson, Marilyn Rebarcheck, Gar Amunson, and Jackie Jorgenson, board members of the Riverside International Friendship Gardens, outlined plans for the Norwegian section of the garden at the May Syttende Mai banquet at the American Legion hall.

Golden members honored at the May banquet included Jan Brudos, Morgan Jostad, Mabel Klimpen, Frieda Nowland, Annette and Pete Sherry, Sandra Kawatski, Ruth Jostad, Jean Marck and Florence Moe-Olson.

The 5th District of the Sons of Norway (of which Wergeland is a part) had the highest percentage of lodges giving to the Foundation in 2007. Thirty-eight of 60 lodges donated \$12,352.50, the highest amount of all Districts.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2003

A bunad parade was held at the Syttende Mai banquet, held at the American Legion Hall. The meal was catered by the Baus Haus.

Golden members honored at the Syttende Mai banquet were Olga Christianson, Florence Engelke, Ray and Ruth Knutson, and Evelyn Ustby. Twenty-five year members were Jan Brudos, Frieda Nowland, and Keith and JoAnn Briggs.

Jim Moe made a carrying case for our new banner and pole.

Leon Edman celebrated his 92nd birthday in La Crosse, Austin TX, and Houghton, LA when he traveled south to visit his daughters. Niece Charlene Harnish accompanied him on the two-week trip.

Norwegian Influence on US Women's Suffrage Movement

Scholars have documented the history of the women's suffrage movement in the United States, and have done so extensively. But we might know very little about women's voting rights in Norway.

These women gained limited voting rights in 1907, and full voting rights by 1913; American women did so August 26, 1920.

In 1911, women from Norway marched alongside their American counterparts in a women's suffrage parade in New York City. They held a sign that said, simply, "VOTERS OF NORWAY."

As evidenced by a diagram published in March of 1913 in the Women's Journal & Suffrage News, Norwegian women were scheduled to march again – this time, in our nation's Capitol. However, this wasn't captured in a printout of a photo archived at the Smithsonian. Swedish women were pictured, though, and their "bunads," so to speak, are clearly visible. Many thanks to the Vesterheim museum curators for expertly identifying them.

Women who already could vote were scheduled to march at the beginning of the parade, to include, among others, women from Norway & Sweden, as noted, and Finnish women, as well.

For more information, log onto: www.stortinget.no/kvinnestrmmevett/verden/english. English and Norwegian language text). Of interest, too, is the book, History by Zim, Beyond the Textbooks, "Women's Suffrage Parade of 1913" (originally from the Library of Congress.)

Many thanks to Ragnhild Hjeltnes, Consular Officer of the Royal Consulate General, Minneapolis; the staff at the Vesterheim Museum, as noted, and the able librarians of the La Crosse Public Library, Main Branch.

Article submitted by Wergeland member Mary Cary

A little in English...

11,000 year-old Bones Found at the Bottom of the North Sea

Between Britain and Denmark, in the middle of the North Sea, there was a vast land mass 6,000 years ago. People lived there for thousands of years. [In the picture shown] you see a part of a human skull and a cattle bone in which a pattern has been cut. The pattern has been made by humans. The skull is dated at around 11,000 years old, while the cattle bone is around 11,500 years old.

But these bones were not found in an archaeological excavation. Both of them have been pulled from the seabed in the North Sea between Britain and Denmark by fishing boats over the past 10 years.

And no one threw these bones into the North Sea at any point. It's been no more than 6,000 years since this was dry land. A dense land area of almost 750,000 square kilometers is now below sea level, and both humans and Neanderthals lived there for a long period of human history.

Doggerland The area is called Doggerland. It was probably a fertile region, and among other things, mammoths have been found at the bottom of the North Sea.

This is also not the first time human bones have been pulled up by fishing boats. In 2009, a Neanderthal skull was pulled from the bottom of the North Sea. It turned out to be more than 40,000 years old.

The sea level was much lower at the time than it is now. While northern Scandinavia was covered by thick ice, about 13,000 years ago the sea level was around 60-80 meters below today's level. As the ice melted, Doggerland became slowly but surely flooded. Hence, the living area for the people who lived here also disappeared.

The Pattern The skull is not complete, so there's not much for scientists to interpret from it. A description of the skull and cattle bone was published in the journal *Antiquity*.

The researchers can't tell if this was a woman or man, but it was an individual between 22 and 45 years old. Bone analysis shows that the person probably lived mainly from food that came from farming.

The animal bone comes from some kind of cattle. The most sensational thing about this leg is that someone has embellished it. Someone carved several rows of a zigzag pattern with a thin, pointed tool.

There are few examples of bone art that are this old, so it's an amazing stroke of luck that this particular bone was drawn from the seabed. Dutch researchers mention a few similar discoveries from Europe: A horse jaw from Wales, moose antlers from Poland and a deer antler from France, all with similar motifs, and all dated as being between 10,000 and 12,000 years old.

There are probably many more remains from animals and humans who lived on Doggerland on the seabed in the North Sea, so there is still a lot that could emerge.

Litt på Norsk...

11 000 år gamle knokler funnet på bunnen av Nordsjøen

Mellom Storbritannia og Danmark, midt ute i Nordsjøen, lå et digert landområde for 6000 år siden. Her levde mennesker i flere tusen år. I bildet over ser du en del av en menneskeskalle og en kvegdyr-knokkel som det har blitt skåret et mønster inn i. Mønsteret er laget av mennesker. Hodeskallen er datert til å være rundt 11 000 år gammel, mens kveg-knokkelen er rundt 11 500 år gammel.

Men disse knoklene ble ikke funnet i en arkeologisk utgraving. Begge to har blitt dratt opp fra havbunnen i Nordsjøen mellom Storbritannia og Danmark av fiskebåter i løpet av de siste ti årene.

Og det er ingen som har kastet disse knoklene ut i Nordsjøen en eller annen gang. Det er ikke mer enn 6000 år siden dette var tørt land. Et digert landområde på nesten 750 000 kvadratkilometer ligger nå under havet, og det levde både mennesker og neandertalere der i en lang periode av menneskehets historie.

Doggerland Landområdet kalles Doggerland. Det var sannsynligvis et fruktbart landområde, og det har blitt funnet mammuter på bunnen av Nordsjøen.

Dette er heller ikke første gang menneskeknoekler har blitt dratt opp av fiskebåter. I 2009 ble det vist fram en neandertalerskalle som også kommer fra bunnen av Nordsjøen. Den skal ha vært mer enn 40 000 år gammel.

Havnivået var mye lavere den gangen enn det er nå. Mens den nordlige delen av Skandinavia var dekket av et digert islag, var havnivået rundt 60-80 meter under dagens nivå for rundt 13 000 år siden.

Etter hvert som isen smeltet, ble Doggerland sakte men sikkert oversvømt. Da forsvant også store leveområder for menneskene som levde her.

Mønster Skallen er ikke komplett, så det er ikke så mye forskerne klarer å tolke ut av den. Beskrivelsen av skallen og kvegbeinet er publisert i tidsskriftet *Antiquity*.

Forskerne klarer ikke å si om det var en kvinne eller mann, men det var et individ på mellom 22 og 45 år. Beinanalyser viser at personen sannsynligvis levde hovedsakelig av mat som kom fra landjorda. Dyrebeinet kommer fra et slags kvegdyr.

Det mest oppsiktsvekkende med dette beinet er at noen har pyntet på det. Noen har risset inn flere rekker med sikk-sakk-mønster med et tynt, spisst redskap.

Det finnes ikke så mange eksempler på beinkunst som er så gamle, så det er et utrolig lykketreff at akkurat denne knokkelen ble dratt opp fra havbunnen. De nederlandske forskerne nevner noen få lignende funn fra Europa: En hestekjeve fra Wales, et elggevir fra Polen og et hjortegevir fra Frankrike, alle med lignende motiv, og alle datert til å være mellom 10 000 og 12 000 år gamle.

Det er sannsynligvis massevis av rester av dyr og mennesker som levde på Doggerland på havbunnen i Nordsjøen, så det er fortsatt mye som kan dukke opp derfra.

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Norskedalen Activities

Thrune Visitors Center

Hours From May - Oct:
Monday-Friday from 9am--5pm
Saturdays 10am--5pm
Sunday from 12pm--5pm



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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