

## Friendly Fifth Friday News May 28, 2021

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### Nordic News

Arthur Andersen (Polar Star-Montgomery IL) gave an excellent presentation on "**Looking at Norway Through Stamps**" (37:42) on May 25th **Nordic News**. Art shared many interesting facts about Norway using 133 stamps for illustration. Sons of Norway offers three levels of the Collecting Norwegian and American stamps cultural pin. Watch Art's wonderful presentation at: <https://www.screencast.com/t/Vn9Vqg4nt>



**Nordic News – Tuesday June 1** will be a presentation on the **Albert Skare Norwegian Folk Art collection** at the McFarland WI Historical Museum. The Skare family settled in Dane County in the 1850s and son Albert spent his lifetime collecting butter churns, wooden shoes, carved spoons and bowls and many other household artifacts from pioneer times. His collection, which includes antique farm implements, includes 1,500 pieces which was donated to the museum after his death in 1967. Nordic News is at 6:20 PM (Central) / 7:20 PM (Eastern) at <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>



# 2021 Sons of Norway Zone 3 and Mandt Lodge Picnic

Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 12:30 PM  
John and Darlene Arneson farm  
2056 Skaalen Rd., Stoughton, WI 53589

Join members from our neighboring lodges for some food and fellowship at the home of John & Darlene Arneson. **Please bring a dish to pass!** Tableware, coffee, juice and other beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring along yard games if you'd like. There will be Kubb available so you can test out your Viking skills! All members of your lodge, prospective members, and Masse Moro campers (past and present) are encouraged to attend. We will have bucket drawing for some great items- feel free to bring items for it or just support it at the picnic! Bring along items and flyers for "Remarks for the Good of the Order". For more information, call Darlene Arneson at 608-873-7209 (cell 608-514-4951) or email arnesonfamily5@gmail.com

Summertime- great time to get the kubb sets out!

<http://www.kubbunited.com/rules-of-kubb>

## How to Play Kubb Poster

### Kubb

Kubb (rhymes with tube) is a lawn game where the object is to knock over all the other team's kubbs, known as kubbs, by throwing wooden batons at them. Kubb originated in Scandinavia and was introduced commercially in the late 1990's. It can be described as a combination of bowling and bocce.

**Object of the game:**  
Be the first team to knock over all the other team's kubbs, followed by the king, all in one turn.

**6 batons**— 46mm diameter x 300mm  
Always tossed underarm. Sideways, horizontal tosses or "helicopter" spins are illegal throws.

Always tossed from behind the baseline (but this can be a temporary advantage line as seen in the example in turn #7).

One baton can topple several kubbs in the same toss. Combos are a great strategy!

**10 kubbs**— 70mm sq x 150mm  
Kubbs always start on the baseline, and move to the field only after they have been toppled.

All field kubbs on your opponent's side must be toppled before any baseline kubbs can be overturned.

Kubbs can be thrown in any fashion, but must be underarm and from behind the permanent baseline (never a temporary advantage line).

**1 king**— 90mm sq x 300mm (prown optional)  
The king is always the last to be toppled. If a team topples the king before they topple all their opponent's kubbs, they lose (it's sort of like an 8-ball in pool).

All king shots are taken from behind the permanent baseline.

Design and illustration by Bryan Jones, inspired by Scott Mooring. bryanjonesdesign.com

**1. Set-up**  
• 6m long x 6m wide pitch, divided into two fields (A & B)  
• 5 kubbs on each baseline and 1 king in the middle of the pitch.  
• 1 to 6 players per team.

**2. King toss**  
• A & B each toss one baton toward the king.  
• Closest to the king without toppling it can choose to throw first or pick a side of the pitch to play from.

**3. Team A wins toss and attacks first**  
• A throws 2 batons underarm from behind their baseline.  
• A topples as many of B's kubbs as they can.

**4. Team B tosses (inkasts) all toppled kubbs**  
• Kubbs must come to rest in A's field between middle line.  
• A sets the thrown kubbs upright (as though they were on a height) by choosing an end to stand them on.

**5. Team B attacks, aiming for field kubbs first**  
• B throws 4 batons and must topple all A's field kubbs before going for baseline kubbs.  
• Baseline kubbs toppled before all field kubbs are put back up.

**6. Team A inkasts any toppled kubbs**  
• Since B didn't topple all of A's field kubbs, a temporary advantage line is created.

**7. Team A attacks**  
• A can move up to attack from the temporary advantage line created by the closest remaining field kubb.  
• A throws 6 batons (used the rest of the game), toppling B's field kubbs before baseline kubbs.

**8. Team B tosses (inkasts) all toppled kubbs**  
• B tosses the kubbs close together to make it easier to topple several with a single baton.

**9. Team B attacks**  
• B topples three of A's field kubbs with a one baton combo shot also known as blasting.

**10. Team A inkasts**  
• A inkasts the toppled kubbs close together.

**11. Team A attacks**  
• A blasts a couple combos, clearing the field kubbs, and then topples the last baseline kubb.

**12. Team A slays the king and wins the game**  
• King shots are always taken from behind the permanent baseline.  
• 1 match is best of 3 games.

**Note:** If a kubb can be raised in-bounds it must be raised in-bounds.

**KUBB UNITED**

How-to videos and tournament rules available at [www.kubbunited.com](http://www.kubbunited.com)

For more information or answers to questions contact [unitedwekubb@gmail.com](mailto:unitedwekubb@gmail.com)

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Download How to Play Kubb Poster

## **Kubb Rules Description: Source: U.S. National Kubb Championship Website- March 2016**

The corner stakes are placed so that a rectangle is formed, measuring 5m x 8m. The center stakes are placed in the middle of the sidelines. The king is placed upright in the center of the pitch, and five kubbs are placed on each baseline. The pitch is ready for play.

The teams determine which team throws first and which side each team will be on. Starting in 2015, the U.S. Championship will use the 2, 4, 6 open. Team A throws two batons (two different players have to throw). Team B then throws four batons (at least three different players have to throw). Team A then throws six batons, and six batons are then used through the remainder of the game. The game begins with the first team throwing their batons from behind their baseline, attempting to knock down the kubbs on the opposite baseline. Batons may rotate vertically when thrown.

Once all the batons are thrown, the opposing team gathers any kubbs that were knocked down. That team throws them back across to the other half of the pitch (the opponent's side of the field). Kubbs thrown back into play are called field kubbs, and are raised by the first team where they came to rest. If a kubb comes to rest outside of the field of play, the team is allowed to throw that kubb again, after all kubbs have been thrown. If that kubb comes to rest outside the field of play a second time, it becomes a punishment kubb, and the other team is allowed to place it wherever they would like within one baton length of the king or marking stakes. The second team then throws their batons, first attempting to knock down any field kubbs, then the kubbs on the baseline, then the king.

If they are unable to knock down all of their kubbs and the king, then the first team picks up all knocked down kubbs, throws them into play as field kubbs, and then tries to knock them over with the batons. Play continues until the game ends. If at any time a team does not knock down all the field kubbs in their opponents half of the pitch, the other team is allowed to move up to the kubb closest to the center line and throw their batons from that new line. Kubbs and baton throws at the king are always thrown from the baseline.

The game is won by the team who knocks down all the kubbs in their opponents half of the field and on the baseline then knocks over the king. However, if a team knocks down the king prior to knocking down all the kubbs, then that team immediately loses the game. In tournament play, matches are often best-of-three games.

The U.S. Championship and most other U.S. tournaments play with the official U.S. National Kubb Championship Rules. The U.S. Championship rules were developed from the World Championship rules. It is the most in-depth kubb rules document in the world. Some phases and situations in kubb can be complicated and potentially indefinable by any ruleset. If a situation is not covered in these rules, the decision shall be made in accordance with fairness, with decisions being influenced by the spirit of the game. Often a logical extension of the closest existing rule or the principles embodied in the rules will provide guidance for determining the resolution.

For tournaments, the below dimensions are used:

Pitch: 5m wide x 8m long.

One King: 8x8x25cm to 9x9x30cm

Ten kubbs: 7x7x15cm.

Six batons: diameter 4.4cm, length 30cm.

Four corner stakes and two mid-pitch stakes

For recreational play, game piece and pitch dimensions can vary, which is one of the great things about the game.

## **Klassic Format Spreadsheet**

### FAQ's

#### **How do you calculate Game Score and Opponent Score?**

Game score is the sum of all your match results for each round. Opponent score is the sum of all the game scores for the opponents that you have played minus the game that you played them. This is calculated on the Team List tab.

#### **Can we allow some rounds to go longer than 25 minutes?**

We strongly suggest that you treat each game and round consistently. It may seem like a minor thing to allow teams to play longer before the lunch break, but each fraction of a point can make a big difference on determining seeding and who makes it into the championship bracket.

#### **How do you determine who throws last when time runs out?**

If you used a balanced opener like the 2-4-6 or 3-6 opener, then we suggest just playing out the team's round that is currently throwing when the time limit is met. We recommend this, because there is a minimal advantage in throwing first with those openers. If you use a 6 baton opener, then we would let the team that didn't throw first finish their turn.

#### **Is there an advantage to losing your first 2 games to get easier teams to play for a few rounds?**

This is a very risky strategy that we don't recommend. 1) You will risk having a weaker opponent score that would cause you to lose in tie-breaker scenarios or lower your seed which would give you a tougher opponent in the elimination round. 2) Eventually, you are going to have to play tougher teams again and increases your risk of being eliminated in later rounds. We wouldn't recommend ever intentionally losing a game with this tournament format as it is designed to benefit the teams that perform better in qualifying rounds.

#### **How does the system select who plays each round?**

The first round is selected randomly. After that round and you have an odd number of teams, then it checks to see who is the bottom ranked team. It chooses that team for a bye if they haven't had a bye. If they have had a bye then it searches from the bottom and moves up to find a team that hasn't had a bye yet. Once it has determined who gets the bye or you have an even number of teams, then it starts from the top of the leader board. Starting with the first team it finds the next highest ranked team that they have not played and assigns them to pitch 1. Then it moves on to the next available team on the list and assigns them the next highest team that they have not played and assigns them to pitch 2. It continues this method until all teams are assigned a pitch.

**Watch for updates on the Kubb United website. It is undergoing some administrative changes after a pandemic year but we are seeing that tournaments are being planned for 2021. The Stoughton Kubb Invitational is Saturday, July 24.**

**Kubb On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kubbonmag>**

**Kubb United Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KubbUnited>**

**Kubb United Website: <http://www.kubbunited.com/>**



## Calling all knitters!



Spry Whimsy  
FIBER ARTS

### **Spry Whimsy Fiber Arts (Stoughton, WI) hosts Worldwide Knit in Public Day event in partnership with A Knit Story, based out of Arendal, Norway**

(Stoughton, WI) Worldwide Knit in Public Day, **Saturday, June 12**, will bring the knitting community out in masses throughout the World, particularly throughout Stoughton and its sister-country Norway. Walk & Knit contests will be held by organizers from A Knit Story, with Spry Whimsy Fiber Arts (Stoughton, WI) their first partnering location in the United States.

Walk and Knit will take place on Saturday, June 12 in Rotary Park, Stoughton WI starting at 8am with a packet pick-up. Stoughton Mayor Tim Swadley will do an honorary yarn cutting at 9am with the Walk and Knit competition starting at 9:05am. Knitting is encouraged throughout the day with door prizes, thanks to yarn suppliers - Berroco, Cascade, KFI and Universal, in addition to specials at Spry Whimsy's store-front, downtown Stoughton, from 3pm - 5pm. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the afternoon,

Pre-registration is required to participate in the walk and knit contest, available at <https://www.sprywhimsy.com/> . In the contest, each participant will be asked to knit as many rows as they can in 10 minutes, while walking around a short course. There is no stopping - and no running - just walking! At the end of the 10 minutes, everyone stops and knitting samples are judged. Each participant receives points for the number of rows completed. Points are reduced for any mistakes. The individuals with the most points win the prizes.

Additionally, participants will be competing against folks from over 30 locations around Norway. At 1pm Central time, Norway will go LIVE on Facebook to announce the international winner! A facebook video of last year's championships shows photos of many participants enjoying the event. <https://www.facebook.com/100251781683131/videos/3039638566276718>

Spry Whimsy will also be hosting a local, modified version for those not wanting to walk. This Sit & Knit version uses the same judging criteria, without the walking. All participants of the event are encouraged to bring their favorite knitting lawn chair, snacks, and water for the day.

Proceeds will benefit <https://www.stinesofiesstiftelse.no/> , a charity working to minimize violence against children in Norway. It also works towards assisting the abused child and their relatives, as well as campaigning and influencing the authorities to strengthen the rule of law and due process for children on a national level.

## **Deadlines and Dates!**

### **Changes in red!**

### **Nordic News Weekly Program- Every Tuesday night (with some exceptions!)**

Tune in at 6:20 PM (Central); 7:20 PM (Eastern) every Tuesday.

By computer: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>

By phone: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557)

By iPhone, iPad, or Android tablet/phone: download the GoToMeeting app from the Apple or Google Play Store. Launch the app and enter the meeting code: SofN-D5

#### **May 8, May 15, May 22, 2021**

- Repeat Rosemaling Class for Level 2

#### **June 10, 2021**

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

#### **July 10, 2021**

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

#### **July 18-31, 2021**

- Masse Moro Youth Heritage Camp in Fall Creek, WI

#### **July 24, 2021**

- **Stoughton Kubb Invitational**

#### **August 1, 2021**

- Zone 4 Meeting at Green Bay Botanical Gardens from 10-4
- **Zone 3 Picnic at John & Darlene Arneson's farm- 12:30 PM**

#### **August, 2021**

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

#### **September 10, 2021**

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

### **October 10, 2021**

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

### **November 10, 2021**

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

### **December 10, 2021**

- Photos due for The Viking – send to Karen Eberhardt, District 5 Publicity and Zone 3 Director at [eber01dj@gmail.com](mailto:eber01dj@gmail.com)

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### **DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING**

Idun Lodge will host the meeting on June 15-19, 2022 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

### **INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING**

The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. The convention will be held August 31<sup>th</sup> to Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, with first time delegates arriving on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August for the First Timers Training. Delegates will depart the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. Here is the information about the venue, be sure and watch the virtual tour of the site!

<https://youtu.be/S7TljcinVCU-> Omni Hotels and Resorts, Omni Viking lakes Hotel, 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan, MN 55121

### **Viking Chest Rotation**

The Viking Chest has not traveled since the health emergency began, and the new schedule cannot be announced until it is safe to hold in-person meetings. Therefore, the rotation schedule is suspended until further notice.

### **Note:**

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International ([www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com)) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.

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### **FFFN Basics**

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly “Friendly Fifth Friday News” email to our leadership. Some

of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge's use!**

**Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com** With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you'd like me to consider putting in, please send it by 4 am on Thursday morning. Please do not send pdf's as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don't forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I'll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

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