



Bear Down and Join Us in February!

Meet Bobby Douglass of the Chicago Bears

OK football trivia fans. Who led the Chicago Bears in rushing in 1972 with 982 yards? Who set the NFL record for most yards rushing in a year by a quarterback with that same 982 yards? Who holds the Bears record for most yards gained by a quarterback in a game at 127? Most lifetime Bear yards rushed by a quarterback at 2470? Who was the last Bear to score 4 TD's rushing? Who has the Bear record for best lifetime average yardage gain (6.6 yards in a field of 250 or more attempts)? The answer



Bobby Douglass

to all the above is Bobby Douglass, #10 for the Chicago Bears from 1969 to 1975. Preceding his Bears career, he had a history in college for Kansas, and after the Bears for the Chargers, Saints and Packers. Bobby will be joining us for dinner as our featured speaker for February. We will get an autographed football from him which will be auctioned, and we will have some autograph related door prizes to give away, besides the monthly raffle. Be sure to call your reservation early for you and your guests.

Lifetime Statistics for Bobby Douglass

Year	Team	Games	Pass Atts	Comp	Yards	TDs	Int	Rushes	Yards	TDs
1969	Chicago Bears	11	148	68	773	5	8	51	408	2
1970	Chicago Bears	3	30	12	218	4	3	7	22	0
1971	Chicago Bears	12	225	91	1164	5	15	39	284	3
1972	Chicago Bears	14	198	75	1246	9	12	141	968	8
1973	Chicago Bears	13	174	81	1057	5	7	94	525	5
1974	Chicago Bears	7	100	41	387	2	4	36	229	1
1975	Chicago Bears	1	20	8	87	0	2	5	34	1
1975	San Diego Chargers	3	27	7	53	0	1	10	42	0
1976	New Orleans Saints	11	213	103	1288	4	8	21	92	2
1977	New Orleans Saints	4	31	16	130	1	3	2	23	0
1978	Green Bay Packers	12	12	5	90	1	1	4	27	0

Norwegian Sweater Month

Our recent tradition of wearing a Nordic sweater to the dinner is honored this month. In addition, in honor of our guest speaker, appropriate "Bear wear" will also be acceptable.

Due to the large expected turnout, the secretary will issue dinner tickets for this meal, which will be collected at time of the meal.

If you have a large party of 8 or 10, you'll need to come early and reserve a whole table, first come, first serve. The Torske Klub is not responsible for seating assignments and grouping.

Feb. Birthdays

Our birthday list for February includes Paul Amundsen, Gregg LeDuc, Ed Grendahl, Neil Andersen, Thor Jondahl, George Tarnow, Cedric Syrdahl, David Svendsen, David Grevstad, Ed Ekstrom, and our Program Chairman, Dr. Ray Newgard. Gentlemen, we raise our Super Bowl XL beer mugs to you as we honor your special day.



Our next dinner will be held on February 11, 2006 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556). Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS, Robert Alsaker, rings the bell to seat us for dinner.

Reservations due by:
Tuesday, February 7
NOON

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. The Elks Club needs time to order the fresh fish. Timely reservations ensure that an adequate portion and a table space can be reserved for you. Remember - noon means noon.

Call 630-443-6839 at any time day or night to leave a reservation. 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. It will ring 4 times before answering. For those with email, feel free to send a note to secretary@torskeklub.org with the same information and the message title "Torske Klub Reservation". We will reply to that with a confirmation of receipt. We have reservations from 3, 13C, 22, 23(2), 43A 47, 51, 55, 64A, 73C, 78, 85, 98, 114, 171. Remember that the guests of all members must be called in as well.

***TIP - Your membership number is the number next to your name on the mailing label.*

FREE Raffle Ticket to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2005/2006 season, excluding father/son/daughter and ladies day in May.

Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎ (630) 443 6839

News from the Boss - Board Meeting

A quorum of the Torske Klub Board of Directors met at boss Rob Alsaker's house on January 27 for a brief meeting and brunch hosted by him and his wife, Evy. There are a few items of note to the interest of the membership:

- ▶ *Serving of Alternative Meals* – A number of members have asked for alternative meals to fish. This has been tried in the past and the results were difficult for the klub. The board has reiterated the need to keep the menu consistent with the cod-fish dinner, which is what we were formed to enjoy. The exception will be on Ladies day in May, which is a good time to invite guests who prefer a different meal.
- ▶ *Financial Health* – The board reviews the finances; cost and income. We are very viable, due to the increase in membership and the excellent cashflow the raffle offers. This enables us to support the yearly trip to Madison, the lefse, the periodic smoked salmon appetizers, the expenses of Ladies day, and other expenses or opportunities for the membership as they arise.
- ▶ You will see a *number of ads* in various Scandinavian organizations this year. We wish to support them as well as encourage our own growth.
- ▶ The *\$10 guest special* was considered a success and will be done again.
- ▶ The practice of encouraging members to *bring jokes to the meeting* will be *discontinued* by the request of many.
- ▶ The raffle will continue and some attempt will be made to diversify the prizes to include some other than liquor.

The board reiterated the need for members to call in *timely reservations*. Failure to do so in January resulted in four members and guests not being served their dinner until the speaker started. The Elks Club prepares the dinners to our count and does not have a huge surplus cooked. As we are able to catch it, the late callers will receive the late dinners in the future.

The feedback from the members and guests has been very positive. If you have an issue, suggestion or complaint, please talk to a board member so we can represent your view.



New Members!

We continue our streak of new memberships. This month, we welcome new memberships from Ronald Jacobsen from Schaumburg, Sam Cory of Huntley, John Rose of Barrington, Stan Nelson of Park Ridge, and Rusty Elmer of Chicago. We should mention that Rusty is a long time member that we lost touch with as the Torske Klub moved around north-west suburbs over the years. He joins us as many others have, as we have found a good home at the Elks Club the last few years. John came to us through our website at <http://www.torskeklub.org> where we had published an article about the founding members of the Torske Klub, including his uncle, Claus Nicoll. Please welcome these men to our group! *In case you are counting, your Torske Klub now has 124 members!*

January Meeting - Haakon Andreasen

The January dinner had an outstanding turnout of 74 with the addition of many guests. The special fee of \$10 for guests motivated many to attend and join us. We also thank our own member, retired professor Haakon Andreasen for his talk about American values.

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