



September Torsk Season Launches with the “Diary of a Wrigley Field Usher”

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Bruce Bohrer to our podium on September 10. Bruce Bohrer was born and raised on the North Side of Chicago where he became an avid Cubs fan. Beginning in 2003, Bruce spent nine seasons working as an usher at Wrigley Field. During that time, he saw it all: brushes with greatness, marriage proposals, creative signs and cheers, unique crowd control issues, and the sheer awe and excitement of Wrigley patrons. His book, *Best Seat in the House! Diary of a Wrigley Field Usher* details both the joys and tribulations he experienced. And it does so with a perspective only an usher could offer, as he tells of his days at the shrine called Wrigley.



Bruce Bohrer

This is our first meeting of the 2016-2017 torsk season after months of summer break, so call your reservation early. We look forward to seeing you.

...and Vasa Park the Day After

As in past years, the Chicago Torske Klub will staff a booth at the Vasa Park Scandinavian Festival event on September 11, 2016. Details are at the web site at <http://www.scandinaviandayil.com/>. In summary, Festival Hours are from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. \$10.00 per person. Children 12 and under free! Nordic and non Nordic food and drink is available for purchase, and this year a Nordic beer tasting is offered by reservation. The venue includes Norwegian folk dancing, and a class for the same, along with the popular ABBA tribute and many more entertainers and events.

Many of our members participate in various organizations, but if you have a Torske Klub shirt or hat, it is a great way and place to advertise our extensive membership. See you there!

Torske Klub Luncheon - September 10, 2016

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 Sep.6, 2016. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. 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 after the deadline.

Call **312-233-2887** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Garry at 312-497-6407. 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, 40, 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. 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 2016/2017 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

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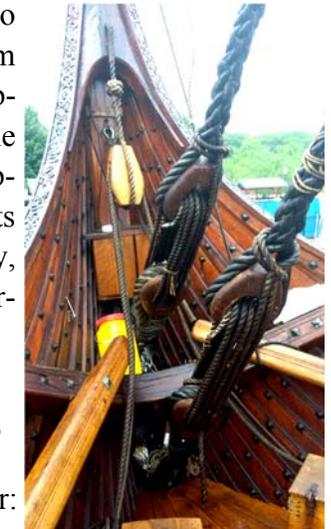
Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Viking Longboat Visits Chicago

The Draken Harald Hårfagre was featured in the news in Chicago as it passed through on it's epic voyage from Norway. In doing so, it was traversing similar locations as Leif Ericsson did a millennia ago, and similar to the passage of the *Viking* in 1893 to the Chicago Columbian Exposition. A number of our members visited the ship as a part of the Tall Ships event at Navy Pier in Chicago. We look forward especially to the report from our Treasurer, Ken Nordan, as he accompanied a journalist around Chicago for a future story of the Viking ships and their journeys in a national publication.



The journey from Norway to Chicago was not uneventful. After leaving Norway for a tour of the Orkney Islands in 2014, the mast broke and required repair in Shetland. The long passage from Norway to America via Iceland and Greenland started from Haugesund in Norway in April 2016. The voyage is documented on their website: <http://www.drakenexpeditionamerica.com/>. Likely the biggest challenge of the journey occurred at the entry to the Great Lakes, the final leg. The Draken was subject to the laws of the US requiring a licensed pilot to be onboard. Funding efforts and donations of time from consuls, pilots, and the especially the Sons of Norway, brought the ship to Chicago and to Green Bay where the Tall Ship voyage ended early. The ship is now making its way to New York and to Mystic CT this year.—kol



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Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of June, July, August and September:

June: Stuart Bentley, Ron Bentsen, Carl Eglund, Vincent Field, the Hon. Perry Gulbrandsen, Preben Hammer, Jimmy Sorensen, Corresp. Secy. Ken Larson.

July: Erik Carlson, Norris Harstad, Paul Johnson, our Boss Lowell Olberg, Bill Scheiderich, Hank Solberg.

August: Boss Emeritus Robert Alsaker, Hon. Royal Norwegian Consul General Paul Anderson, Chris Betz, Dr. Victor Carnelli, Aquavit Chairman Robert Frost, John Hardy, Don Hoganson, Dr. Marshall Pedersen, Clarence Petersen, Bill Sexton, Tom Bendicsen

September: Jerry Andersen, Petter Berntzen, Sam Cory, Board Member Fred Glure, Kurt Gustafsen, Kjell Larsen, John Teppen, and John Van Alstin.

We send greetings to those we know are infirmed at this time: Dr. Ray Newgard noted that his sister Diane is back in the hospital. Lorraine Straw, wife of Perry Straw, has been infirmed. To these and all those who are not mentioned, we send our thoughts and prayers.

Check for updates on our website <http://www.torskeklub.org>

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