



## Sports Journalist at Father/Son/Daughter Day

March is our annual father/son/daughter day. Along with your regular guests who would be interested in the speaker, we invite our fathers, sons/grandsons, and daughters/granddaughters.

Our scheduled speaker this month is long-time Chicago sports journalist, Rory Spears. Rory spent over 8 years growing up working at Rob Roy Golf Club in Prospect Hts.IL, then two years at Chevy Chase in Wheeling. He has covered golf in Chicago since 1986. Rory was one of the initial members of WSCR all-sports radio Chicago and covered golf there for 5 seasons, before moving on to work for ESPN/Sportsticker and ESPN Radio. In addition to hosting Golfers on Golf Radio on WSBC and WCFJ Chicago, he writes for both Chicagoland Golf and the Chicago District (CDGA) Magazine. Rory has played over 410 courses in 32 states, and rates golf courses for a national publication. He does golf course management and communications consulting, in the golf industry. Fred Durler is our Torskemaster.



**Norse golfing:** Don Hoganson tees off at midnight in the arctic in 2007 at the Tromsø Golf club- 69°39'30"N

## February Ladies Day Event

The audience was entertained by noted author **Kathleen Ernst** as she wove the Midwest immigrant and ethnic background to the novels she has penned in the Chloe Ellefson Historic site series of books. About 120 members and ladies day guests enjoyed the torsk luncheon plus the music of the **Normennenes Singing Society** as they entertained the group. Roses were passed out as the ladies departed, in thanks and in commemoration of Valentines Day, and we were told that they blossomed over a week afterward. We'll make mention of our supplier, CR Flowers of Des Plaines, as a result of their great product. Thanks to the many who made this a successful day

### **Torske Klub Luncheon - March 11, 2017**

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 6 2017. **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

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 for spouses** 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](mailto: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.

**Reservations  
by  
March 6**

**Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887**

## Irish, ye say?

As we have written ad nauseum in the past 15 years about the Norwegian Viking contribution to Ireland, the origin of Dublin and Waterford (from Old Norse Veðrafjörðr, meaning "ram (wether) fjord") , etc., we'll leave that alone this month. Let's embrace our Irish ancestors and cousins this month and explore the phrases we have used to greet each other on March 17, aka St. Paddy's Day.

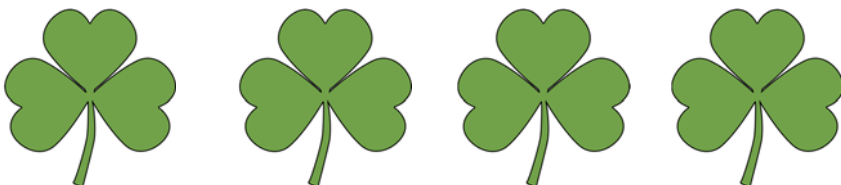
- **Erin Go Bragh**—It is supposed to be "Ireland Forever". It sounds Gaelic, but not quite. Erin is the Anglicization of the Irish word Éireann which translates literally to "Of Ireland"; the actual word in Irish for just plain "Ireland" is Éire. The remainder of the phrase is more of a challenge. There is no "Bragh" in the Irish language. Go brách means for ever, but if you mispronounce it as "Brach", that means pus. Go it seems like you may get an odd look or a beer in the face if we utter that in Ireland.
- **Top O' The Mornin'** - Those that traveled Ireland say they have never heard this uttered; more usually "Hi", or "Hiya".
- **Begosh and Begorrah**- A little Google-digging reveals that the word begorrah may have its origins in the 18th century or earlier; perhaps as a euphemism for "by God". The closest Irish word may be Goradh which means heat or heating (rinne mé a goradh cois tine translates as "I warmed myself by the fire"). We're not sure if this is legit in Ireland either.

Maybe we should just raise the glass and say "Happy St. Patrick's Day"! - from *"Irish Phrases that drive me Nuts"* [http://chien-noir.com/irish\\_phrases.html](http://chien-noir.com/irish_phrases.html)

## Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the March: Dan Cord, David Cord, Scott Solberg, Ray Syverson, Rodney Lee, John Halverson, Eric Skoien, Gerald Jensen, Hugo Lanesskog, Roald Harr, & David Bentsen Sr.

Begosh and begorrah, we will raise our glass of green beer this month to celebrate the birthdays of the men who bought the aquavit. May the road rise to meet you!



### Mark your calendar for this Torske Klub 2017 season:

**Mar. 11, 2015**—Father, Son, Daughter day

**April 8, 2017**— Luncheon

**May 13, 2015**— Anniversary Luncheon

**May 21, 2015**— Syttende Mai Parade—Park Ridge

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

Remember that the cost of meal is now \$25 per plate

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