



## “Gentlemen, start your engines”

The 2022-2023 Torske Klub season is about to start on September 10, 2022.

Lefse is ordered, aquavit is being chilled, torsk is in the North Atlantic awaiting its time for our plate. All we need is you.



Our program this month is being coordinated by Dr. Ray Newgard, in consultation with Rob Alsaker and Don Hoganson. The topic is unannounced, so we'll be intrigued until then.

The reservation line is always open. Call early and bring a friend or two and we'll see you at the Elks facility in Des Plaines.

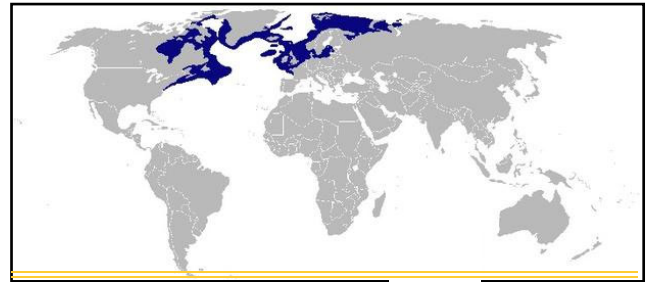


## The Status of Cod

Despite the gloomy reports of the demise of cod in the last decades, some good news was published by the publication *Science* last year. In an article by Erik Stokstad, despite overfishing, robust genetic diversity remains intact and that provides hope for recovery.

In short, they compared cod DNA from decades ago and found no sign of sweeping changes in the cod genomes, which could have limited the recovery. In addition,

in the northeast Arctic, where fishing was curtailed and the size of the fleet reduced, cod are starting to thrive again. It is still limited though, and remains expensive.



Atlantic Cod distribution in the world.

### ***Torske Klub Luncheon - Sept. 10, 2022—Reserve today!***

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 Sunday Sep. 4** for the luncheon. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. There is \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

Call **(847)886-4841** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. 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: **38, 54, 55, 58, 97, 98, 120, 124, 135, 149**. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel *or add guest to the count*. 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 2022/2023 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

***Reservation Line: 847-886-4841***

We have some catching up to do to celebrate the summer birthdays of many of our members, ranging in age from 18 to 96.

**June:** The Hon. Perry Gubrandsen, Corresponding Secretary Ken Larson, Stuart Bentley

**July:** Our Boss Lowell Olberg, Norris Harstad, William Scheiderich, Hank Solberg, Paul Johnson

**August:** Royal Norwegian Order of Merit recipient Don Hoganson, Tom Bendicsen, William Sexton, Dr. Marshall Petersen, past Hon. Norwegian Consul Paul Anderson, Christopher Betz, Clarence Peterson, Boss Emeritus Robert Alsaker, Thor Davidson, and David Petersen.

**September:** John Teppen, Fred Glure, Sam Cory, Kurt Gustafson, Alex Gruener (who can now be enjoying our aquavit here forward), Matt Gustafson, Kjell Larsen, John Van Alstin.

Skål and gratulerer med dagen!

We haven't heard much news this summer other than a number of our members taking long awaited trips: Ken Nordan, a Minnesota boundary waters canoe trip, Fred Glure to his 2nd home in Glenwood Springs CO, Ken Larson to Dallas TX to see family, and we suspect many more that we haven't heard yet. Well hear the stories in September.

We have no reports of illnesses except Dr. Ray Newgard and Ken Larson, each recuperating after some falls this summer. As such, Ray asked to step down as Program Chair, but will support us as before.

### Reminders:

- 1) The price of our meal is now \$35.
- 2) Checks may be made out to "Chicago Torske Klub" once again.

## Vasa Park on Sept. 11

The day after the Torske Luncheon is the 42nd annual Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park in South Elgin IL, located at 35W217 Route 31, South Elgin, IL 60177.

As in past years, the Chicago Torske Klub will man an information table and solicit members. Join us if you can.

The program has the popular ABBA tribute and the ethnic foods, Tickets are \$10, under 12 free. See more at:

<http://www.scandinaviandayil.com/>



### Future 2022 Events

Sep. 10—Luncheon

Sep. 11— Vasa Park

Oct. 8 – Luncheon—Dr. Petersen on Leif Ericson

Nov. 12—Luncheon –WW1

Dec. 10—Christmas Party

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Looking for a coordinator for our group to plan and contact speakers or programs.

Most programs are suggested by members,  
*Usually an hour or so per month.*

*Inquire to the boss*



Vikings at work

**Wanted: Program Chairman**