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Death of King Magnus. The loyal guard Reidar Grjotgardsson lifts his king at the final battle, but a spear impales them both. Read more on page 3. Credits—"All Things Scandinavian".

LOTS TO DO! PLEASE JOIN US!

Check out our September through December activities here and on other pages throughout this issue of Skjold News.

September 7: 29th Annual Scandinavian Day

Scandinavian Park (Vasa Park), South Elgin, Illinois. Skjold Lodge will once again have a food booth and will be selling "Pølse in lefse" (a Norwegian hot dog rolled in lefse), "Uff Da burgers" (sloppy joes), lemonade, soda, water, and baked goods. We will also have a membership table. Bring your family and friends for a fun day with lots of music, entertainment and good Scandinavian food. **Members are encouraged to bring baked goods for sale at our booth.**

Volunteers should contact Les Amack at 847-487-4637

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October 24: Lodge Meeting.

Pot Luck supper at 6:30 pm followed by regular lodge meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: "Travels in Norway--

The Northbound Hurtigruten--Bergen to Kirkenes".

Good food and a chance to share in a trip to one of the most beautiful places in the world. Speaker—Jon Satrum

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September 26: Skjold News Benefit

Please join us **Friday, September 26 at 6:30 P.M.** for our annual Skjold News Benefit at Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Road, Palatine, IL. We have a catered supper followed by an auction to generate funds for the printing and publishing of Skjold News. Look inside this issue for a flyer, more information about how the auction works, and watch www.skjoldlodge.com for further details.

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OCTOBER 25, 9AM-11AM

Membership Breakfast

It's FREE!!! All you have to do is bring a friend or relative who may possibly be interested in joining our great Lodge, and you and your guest(s) receive some delicious pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, and [of course!] COFFEE!!

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October 4: Foundation Night Banquet

Please join us **Saturday, October 4 at 6:00 P.M.** for our annual Foundation Night Banquet at the Elks Club in Des Plaines, Illinois. Look inside this issue for a flyer and watch www.skjoldlodge.com for further details.

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Kommentar fra Presidenten



Wendell Brenner

Has it been hot or what this summer?
We still have a lot of cool programs at our lodge meetings to beat away the heat.

News Alert! A September Skjold News Benefit alert that is. September 26th is our special benefit evening with an auction to raise money needed to keep our newsletter coming for another year.

And if you want to enjoy some great outside fun, come to Vasa Park in Elgin on September 7th and enjoy everything Scandinavian! On October 4th we continue the fun with our Foundation Banquet and on our October 24th lodge meeting we will be having a special presentation to people receiving their 25-year pins.

Then come on down the next morning to our Membership and Recruitment Breakfast. Bring a new person to learn about our lodge and get your breakfast free. What a way to cool down after a hot summer. See you all at our next events!

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SOCIAL SNAKK

By Lorrie Brenner & Judy Torgersen

Mange takk. Thank you Geri Hanson for the delicious treats at our July 25th meeting followed by "Uff-Da BINGO"; and for volunteering to sign up people to bring treats to the rest of this year's regular monthly meetings.

As I sit here writing this column, there is one day left in July, bringing the hot summer month of August and our August 22nd meeting. That evening's program (one of our "Popcorn & a Movie" evenings) is the film "LIVETS DANS", about the life and times of Edvard Munch. September brings us our annual Skjold News Benefit, October a travel presentation about Norway, November our "Getting to know you" evening and we finish the year in December with the fun of our annual Christmas party.

Please review all the upcoming events on page 5 and join us each time you can. We hope that you'll be able to join us.

Stay well . . . be safe & happy till we meet again.

With a heartfelt MANGE MANGE TAKK!!

Lorrie & Judy

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Har du Hørt

Please send all information for the **Har Du Hørt** column to:
Anne E. Shabez
postmaster@skjoldlodge.com



Anne Shabez

Bill and Ruth Ann Borndahl were in Norway and Iceland for 18 days. The first week was in the Numedal Valley in Rollag at the Bjordalen farm (still in the family). Bill's great-grandmother immigrated from there in 1892. They also visited the stave church that his family attended and sat in the Bjordalen pew.....and met lots of relatives. The second week was on a "Splendor of Norway" tour arranged by Brekke Tours--a great way to see the beauty of Norway the first time. The last four days were in Iceland....Blue Lagoon, Geysir, Thingvillir and the Gullfoss. The cost of living in both countries was high....a 1/2 liter glass of beer cost 62 NOK...about \$12.40!

It was with delight bestefar **Mike** and bestemor **Geri Hanson** introduced their first grandchild, "Kari Elizabeth Hanson" to the June 27 Skjold Lodge meeting. Kari Elizabeth was born on March 22 (a pre-Easter baby) to her proud parents, Paul and Beth, in Boulder, Colorado. With blond hair and blue eyes, she is a little Norske jente.

Richard and Solveig Bender hosted six Norwegian cousins in June and July. They were two families from Kongsvinger (southern Hedmark) who stayed with the Benders on their way to and from seeing the sights in the Chicago, Albuquerque, and San Francisco areas and visiting family along the way. They remarked how clean every place was and how safe they felt in the U.S. One of the cousins is into genealogy and gave Solveig 190 pages of detailed information. Genealogy as a hobby is alive and well in Norway!

One of our younger members, **Jim Tarbet**, became an Eagle Scout. Lots of hard work went into this achievement. CONGRATULATIONS JIM! Mom and all of us are proud of you. Please check our website www.skjoldlodge.com for some pictures from Jim's special day.

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Magnus the Blind

Magnus IV (ca. 1115, Norway - 1139, Norway), also known as Magnus the Blind and Magnus Sigurdsson, was king of Norway from 1130 to 1135 and again from 1137 to 1139. His period as king marked the beginning of the civil war era in Norway, which lasted until 1240.

Magnus was the son of King Sigurd Jorsalfar of Norway and Borghild Olavsdotter. When Sigurd Jorsalfar died in 1130, Magnus became king of Norway together with his uncle Harald Gille. After four years of uneasy peace, Magnus began to openly prepare for war on Harald. On August 9, 1134, he defeated Harald in a decisive battle at Färlev in Bohuslän, and Harald fled to Denmark. Against the advice of his councillors, Magnus disbanded his army and travelled to Bergen to spend the winter there. Harald then returned to Norway with a new army and, meeting little opposition, reached Bergen before Christmas. Magnus had few men, and the city fell easily to Harald's army on January 7, 1135. Magnus was captured and dethroned. He was blinded (and other bad things happened to him that we have deleted from our family based newsletter). After this he was known as "Magnus the Blind".

Magnus then spent some time as a monk. Harald Gille was killed in 1136 by Sigurd Slembe, another royal pretender who had himself proclaimed king in 1135. To back his claim, Sigurd Slembe brought Magnus back from the abbey and made him co-king. They decided to split up their forces, and Magnus headed for eastern Norway, where he had most popular support.

There, he was defeated at Minne by King Inge I. He then fled to Götaland and subsequently to Denmark, where he tried to get support for his cause. An attempted invasion of Norway by King Erik Emune of Denmark failed miserably. Magnus then rejoined Sigurd Slembe's men, but they continued to have little support in Norway. After some time spent more like bandits than kings, they met King Inge I and King Sigurd II in a final battle at Hvaler on November 12, 1139. Magnus fell during the battle, and Sigurd Slembe was captured and killed.

During the civil wars period of Norwegian history (1130-1240) there were several interlocked conflicts of varying scale and intensity. The background for these conflicts were the unclear Norwegian succession laws, social conditions and the struggle between church and king. There were then two main parties, firstly known by varying names or no names at all, but finally condensed into parties of Bagler and Birkebeiner. The rallying point regularly was a royal son, who was set up as the head figure of the party in question, to oppose the rule of king from the contesting party.

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Gratulerer med dagen!

September Birthdays

- 2 Mark Suri
- 4 Louis Chouinard
- 5 Martha Johnson
- 5 Rodney Bjerke
- 6 Delores M. Trainor
- 7 Ronald J. Bakken
- 7 Krista J. Bachman
- 9 Margaret Cooney
- 10 Jostein O. Bakken
- 12 Karin I. Baseler
- 14 Ralph S. Haug
- 19 Agnes Tollefson
- 19 Steven R. Torgersen
- 20 Ellen A. Ankrum
- 21 Kjell Larsen
- 23 Elsie Victorson
- 23 David L. Shabez
- 24 Julia E. Masciopinto
- 25 Keith Emrikson
- 26 Jean L. Bowles
- 27 Linda Steffensen

October Birthdays

- 2 Waldemar Eiesland
- 3 Mark W. Peters
- 4 Jessica Miller
- 13 Robert E. Foswold
- 14 Jan F. Drangsholt
- 15 Lisa A. Bakken
- 16 Richard E. Severson
- 17 Richard Amack
- 26 Marvin A. Lodin
- 28 Gregory D. Wittrock
- 29 Solveig R. Bender
- 31 Karl Diesen-Dahl



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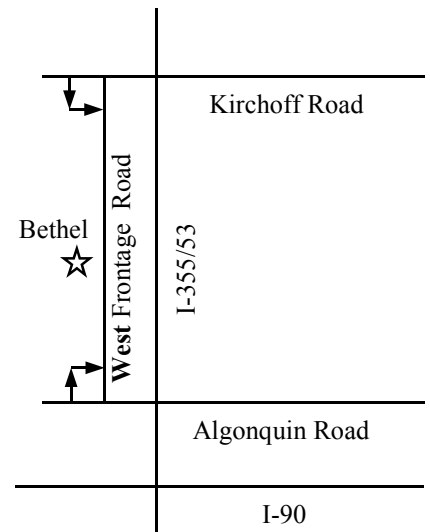
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WE MEET AT:
Bethel
Lutheran Church
3839 W. Frontage Road
Palatine, IL 60067-7715
Hospitality Room— lower level

(See Page 5 for Dates and Times)

The church is located just north of Algonquin Road on the **West** Frontage Road.





**SKJOLD LODGE WEBSITE
(THE NEW AND IMPROVED VERSION)
By Jon Satrum**

The address (www.skjoldlodge.com) is the same, but the look, feel, and some of the content of our web site has changed . New pages have been added and some lightly visited pages have been deleted. We hope you find our site “user friendly”.

Why change? Our old site had finally become almost unmanageable, taking hours for even simple changes. The new format is more readable, quicker to load pages, easier to update and keep current. It will also be easier to convert in the future to yet another software package, should we decide to do that.

A new “Site Map” has been created which will direct you to the newly created pages., but on a temporary basis, you can access the old site map to find some of our "old pages". Those links only “point” at old pages so as soon as everything is converted, all of the old site will be deleted.

I hope you like the changes. Stop in and visit our new site *SN

OCTOBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

-by Michael Hanson, Foundation Director.

The Sons of Norway Foundation was established in 1966 for the purpose of collecting funds by bequests, donations and gifts to be used for charitable, scientific, literary and educational endeavors in the form of scholarships, grants, and loans.

The foundation has awarded over 250 scholarships worth over \$600,000. Grants were just given to Sons of Norway members affected by the flooding in Iowa.

Please consider donating to this worthwhile foundation. Should you wish to specifically designate that the money go to the “Skjold Scholarship Fund”, please make that additional notation on your check.

Other specific designations can be made. The form is available at the Sons of Norway web site. Go to “About Us”, “Forms”, and select “Charitable Gift Form” or contact Mike Hanson for a donation form or more details: Mike Hanson, Foundation Director, 16 Regency Ct. E., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-6635, 847-398-5882.

We hope you will join us at this year’s Foundation Banquet **See a separate flyer in this issue for details.** Check our web site www.skjoldlodge.com for the latest details.

We hope you also take advantage of our scholarships! Scholarship deadlines are March 1st and Grant deadlines as soon as January. Look for more details in the November-December issue of Skjold News. *SN

Culture Column By Solveig Bender
**Språk og kultur /
Language and Culture**

Orddelingsfeil

The English language has complicated rules about making compound words. When we have to write a word made up of two or more smaller words, we sometimes write them as a single word, and sometimes write them as two or more separate words.

For example, we write “warpath” as one word and “war bond” as two, even though there’s no discernable difference in the way the words are pronounced.

In Norwegian, the rules for making compound words are much simpler. Words that are made up of two or more elements must be written as a single word.

However, largely due to the influence of English, Norwegian speakers and learners often make mistakes by improperly dividing words – a kind of mistake called an orddelingsfeil.

The problem is especially prominent on signs and packages, where designers have to fit the inconveniently long words into small spaces.

Without the aid of a hyphen, an orddelingsfeil can create an unintentional and humorous double meaning. Here are a few we hope you will enjoy, collected from the Internet.

From a can of pineapple rings:
“ANANAS
RINGER”

Should be: ANANASRINGER (pineapple rings)
Reads: PINEAPPLES CALLING

From a package of lefse:
“Ekte Hånd Lagde Lefse”

Should be: Ekte håndlagde lefse (Authentic handmade lefse)
Reads: A True Hand Made This Lefse

From a sign in a restaurant:
“RØYK
FRITT!”

Should be: Røykfritt (Smoke-free)
Reads: Smoke freely!

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COMING EVENTS

September

7: 29th Annual Scandinavian Day—Vasa Park. Sunday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. ADMISSION: Adults \$10.00, Children 12 & Under FREE. FREE PARKING.

9: Board Meeting 7:00 PM. Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Road, Palatine, Small Meeting Room.

16-18: "Church Basement Ladies" Special limited engagement at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, Il.

26: Skjold News Benefit. **6:30 PM. Note that we start an hour earlier with a catered supper.** Please bring an item to be auctioned worth at least \$15. See the details on the flyer enclosed with this issue, and on page 6. The benefit is held in place of our September meeting.

October

4: Foundation Night Banquet. Des Plaines Elks Club, Des Plaines, Illinois. 6:00PM Social, 7:00PM Dinner. See the details on the flyer enclosed with this issue.

14: Board Meeting 7:00 PM. Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Road, Palatine, Small Meeting Room.

24: Lodge Meeting. **6:30 PM. Note that we start an hour earlier with a pot luck supper.** Please bring a delicious dish or dessert to share with others. At 7:30 PM we will have a brief business meeting, awards of 25-year pins, and then sit back and enjoy our program, "**Travels in Norway--The Northbound Hurtigruten--Bergen to Kirkenes**".

25: Membership Breakfast. 9:30 AM. Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Road, Palatine, Hospitality Room -- lower level.

November:

11: Board Meeting 7:00 PM. Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Road, Palatine, Small Meeting Room.

16: Heritage Fest 11:00AM—3:30 PM. Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Road, Palatine, Hospitality Room -- lower level. Put this fun day in your schedule and read more about it in our next issue.

21: Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM. Social Event: "**Getting To Know You**" Members (unless they are painfully shy and really don't want to) will take a few minutes to introduce themselves and tell us a little bit about who they are and what they're about.

December:

9: Board Meeting 7:00 PM. Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Road, Palatine, Small Meeting Room.

20: Annual Christmas Party 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church, 3839 W. Frontage Road, Palatine, Hospitality Room — lower level.

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Ole and Sven grabbed their poles and headed out to do some ice fishing. As they were augering a hole in the ice they heard a loud voice from above say, "There are no fish under the ice."

Ole and Sven moved about 25 feet over and started to make another hole. The voice said a little stronger, " There are no fish under the ice."

They both looked around and then looked up. Ole said in a humble voice, "Are you God?"

The voice spoke back, "No ya idiots! I'm the ice rink attendant!"

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Elections Held In November

Like many things in life, what you get out of something is directly related to what you put into it. This is also true of any club or organization.

Now is the time to start thinking about what office you might want to hold in 2009 and the activities in which you may want to be directly involved. You may want to be the chairperson of a committee or be a committee member. Active participation by members is needed and always appreciated.

Please review the list of Elected Officers and let any current officer know how you would like to participate.

Elected Officers

- President
- Vice President
- Counselor (Usually previous president)
- Secretary
- Asst. Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Treasurer
- Social Director
- Asst. Soc. Director
- Cultural Director
- Asst. Cultural Director
- Skjold News Editor
- Publicity Director
- Foundation Director
- Greeters (3)
- Marshal
- Asst. Marshal
- Sports Director
- Asst. Sports Director
- Youth Director
- Historian
- Musician
- Trustees (3)
- Auditors (3)
- Sunshine Committee
- Personal News (Har du Hørt)

Appointments by the President

- * Membership Director (Usually the Vice President)
- *Webmaster
- *Committee Chairpersons





Snakker du Norsk? Practice your Norwegian (And learn a little more about Norway)

A Little in English

Building Authentic Oseberg Copy

The so-called Oseberg ship is a Viking ship from the 800s that was found in a burial mound in Tønsberg in 1903. Since 1930 the ship has been kept at the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo and is considered a national treasure. Now some wooden boat builders and Viking enthusiasts want to build the ship again. Their work has already started.

“The whole project will cost almost 10 million kroner. The local government, businesses and individuals have shown a lot of interest in this cultural-historical project,” says Geir Røvik of the organization Stiftelsen Nytt Oseberskip, which is directing the work.

In all the project demands 28 oak trees, which will be cut in the next year and a half. In April the first oaks were felled in Lystlunden park in downtown Horten. Those trees were chosen by the municipal gardener Jan Kjetil Howden. They were developing illnesses, but are still good enough to use for the ship.

“It’s sad that we have to cut down these wonderful trees. But since illness made it necessary anyways, it’s great that they will find ‘eternal life’ in this way,” says the municipal gardener. The building itself will probably start in spring 2009 and is expected to last three years. The construction will take place outside of Oseberg Culture House, right in the middle of Tønsberg.

From Aftenposten.no

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Litt på norsk

Bygger autentisk Oseberg-kopi

Det såkalte Osebergskipet er et vikingskip fra 800-tallet som ble funnet i en haug ved Tønsberg i 1903. Siden 1930 har skipet vært utstilt i Vikingskipshuset i Oslo, og regnes som en nasjonal skatt. Nå vil en rekke trebåtbyggere og viking-entusiaster bygge skipet helt på nytt. Deres arbeid er allerede i gang.

Hele prosjektet skal koste nær 10 millioner kroner. Kommune, lokalt næringsliv, foreninger og enkeltpersoner har vist stor interesse for dette kulturhistoriske prosjektet, sier Geir Røvik i Stiftelsen Nytt Osebergskip.

I alt krever prosjektet 28 eiketrær, som vil bli felt fortløpende i løpet av halvannet år. I april ble den første eika felt i Lystlunden i Horten sentrum. Trærne var blinket ut av den kommunale bygartneren Jan Kjetil Howden. De var i ferd med å bli syke men er velegnet til formålet.

Det er trist at vi må felle disse flotte trærne. Men når sykdom først har gjort det nødvendig, er det flott at de får et «evig liv» på denne måten, mener den kommunale gartner. Selve byggingen kan trolig komme i gang våren 2009 og vil trolig vare i tre år. Byggingen skal foregå utenfor Oseberg kulturhus, sentralt plassert i Tønsberg.

Fra Aftenposten.no

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SKJOLD NEWS BENEFIT—HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

This is a fun event to help raise funds to defer the cost of producing and distributing our newsletter “Skjold News”.

Members purchase items throughout the year and donate them to the auction. Items from Norway or with a Norwegian theme are best, but any item is fine. A good rule of thumb is to ask yourself, “is this an item I would want myself?” The items should be at least \$15 in value.

When you bring the item, it should be wrapped and indicate WHERE it is from (Norway; Austria; Stoughton, Wisconsin; Macys; etc.). The wrapping is up to you. Some people put very fancy gifts in a box and

then wrap it with plain brown paper. Others use very fancy wrapping. Part of the fun is that you really don’t know what you are bidding on—only where it is from and that it is at least worth \$15. The packages are opened after a winning bid. The bidding seems to pick up as others see the nice items being won.

NOT ABLE TO COME, BUT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP?

In the past, some members who wanted to support Skjold News, but were unable to attend the benefit, sent a donation check instead. Some of our out-of-city or out-of-state members have even mailed gifts for the auction

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WELL WISHER’S GREETINGS (A “mini” personal Christmas wish).
 In prior years, individuals wishing to support Skjold News have sent a donation and a holiday message for our November-December issue. The message should be brief, like “Happy Holidays—the Johnson family”. Send the greeting message, an amount of your choosing, and your check payable to “Skjold Lodge”, to Jon Satrum, 5420 Brookbank Road, Downers Grove, IL, 60515-4833. We will create a greeting for you and put it in the next issue—thanks for your help!



KIDS CORNER

ALL THINGS MOOSE

Even if you only know a few Norwegian words, we bet you can figure out quite a few more just by comparing the next two articles.

What do you think “**Om vinteren**” means? How about “**har vi hørt**” (sounds a little like our Har du Hørt column doesn’t it), or the Norwegian word for “**moose**”? Hints for all of these are in **bold** below. Then try to figure out a few more words on your own.



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A Little in English...

Too Many Moose

Nowhere else in the world can as many **moose** be found as in Scandinavia. Since the early nineteen hundreds the population has at least tripled.

Since last winter **we have heard** much about the huge numbers of moose that have been run down on the roads and railways. But how do the so many hungry herbivores affect the rest of the environment?

During the winter moose love to gorge themselves on rowan, aspen and willow. Where these trees are found as young bushes, the moose can have a good time. The problem starts when the plants are bitten back so hard that they cannot recoup with new growth. The amount of available food then shrinks from year to year, with severe consequences for the moose themselves, as well as all insects, lichen, fungus and birds which need these trees.

There’s never been a better time to be a wolf in Scandinavia’s forests. With such enormous quantities of meat wandering around on four legs, predators can just help themselves. Nonetheless they will not manage to reduce the number of moose so much that the vegetation can recover. For the plants to come back again can mean only one thing: the moose population must come down.

From NRK.no

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Litt på norsk...

Alt for mange elger

Knapt noe sted i verden finnes det så mye **elg** som det gjør i Skandinavia. Siden tidlig på 1900-tallet er bestanden minst tredoblet.

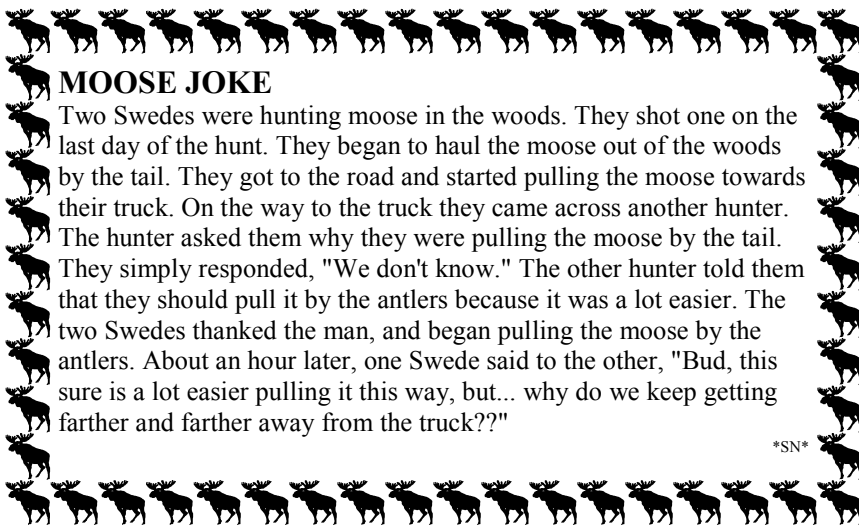
Siden vinteren **har vi hørt** mye om det store antallet av elg som har trukket ned til vei og jernbane. Men hvordan påvirker tonnevis med sultne plantespisere resten av naturen?

Om vinteren elsker elgen å tygge i seg rogn, asp og selje. Der disse trærne finnes som unge busker har elgen det fint. Problemet oppstår når plantene blir beitet så hardt at de ikke greier å ta igjen det tapte med ny vekst. Da minker mattilbudet år for år, med stygge konsekvenser for elgen selv, men også alle insekter, lav, sopp og fugler som trenger disse trærne.

Aldri har det vært bedre å være ulv i Skandinavias skoger. Med slike enorme kjøttmengder vandrende på fire bein kan rovdyr bare forsyne seg. De vil likevel ikke klare å redusere elgstammen så mye at mattilgangen svikter. For at plantene skal ta seg opp igjen betyr det bare en ting: elgbestanden må ned...

Fra NRK.no

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MOOSE JOKE

Two Swedes were hunting moose in the woods. They shot one on the last day of the hunt. They began to haul the moose out of the woods by the tail. They got to the road and started pulling the moose towards their truck. On the way to the truck they came across another hunter. The hunter asked them why they were pulling the moose by the tail. They simply responded, "We don't know." The other hunter told them that they should pull it by the antlers because it was a lot easier. The two Swedes thanked the man, and began pulling the moose by the antlers. About an hour later, one Swede said to the other, "Bud, this sure is a lot easier pulling it this way, but... why do we keep getting farther and farther away from the truck??"

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ELG
Norway



ELK
North America

Elg and elk are not the same.

“Elg” is the Norwegian word for moose.



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