



Nordisk Club Newsletter

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The Chairwoman's Corner

Dear NCers!

First of all Happy New Year and the best wishes to you and yours! We hope that you have had a great start!

Another year has passed, but NC is still going strong and is ready to surprise you with many new, but also traditional Nordic events planned for 2009.

But before we go into the details, we let's have a look back at 2008 and see what has happened then...

2008...

- Membership cards are implemented and distributed
- New members benefits are negotiated
- Partnership agreements
- Sponsorship agreements
- NC gets professional from A to Z, all goes branded
 - NC overall re-branding (logo, slogan, web, invitations)
 - New Brand launch: 1st Thursday Afterwork in Geneva
- Web restructure and re-branding
 - New web parts got implemented: photo gallery, partners and sponsors
- Over 30 events have taken place
 - New : joint events with partners
- Around 150 new members
- Launch of Lausanne Afterwork Events
- 150 new members this year and we now have over 500 members (both paying and not on the emailing list).



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2009!

Believe it or not, but this year we will be celebrating **Nordic Club's 60th anniversary!** Please reserve May 16 in your agendas for a special celebration night.

At the recently held NC General Assembly the NC board has been re-elected and we would like to present you **the NC Board Members 2009:**

NC President:

Victoria Pekarska

Vice Presidents:

Sven Ravndahl

Katarina Krigård

Treasurer and Events Officer:

Maria Thorsen

Events Officers:

Fredrik Stale

Pietari Kauttu

NC Board Support:

Mailing List Support:

Niels Madsen

Events Support:

Kristian Koivunen

Heidi Elkjaer Engellau

There is one **board opening** for the Event Officer position, preferably for a rep from Denmark and Norway.

You are also welcome to **support the board** as a non-board member (for ex. if you wish to help with or organize a particular event)

Preliminary Events Plan 2009

As per the received members' feedback, in 2009 the NC will be primarily focusing on the traditional Nordic and NC events. Go ahead to make the reservations in your agendas!

Traditional Nordic Events:

- Midsommar: June 20th in Lausanne



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- Crayfish party: September 5th in Geneva
- Julbord:
 - o November 28th in Geneva
 - o December 12th in Lausanne
- Glögg: 1st Thursday After Work, December 3 in Geneva

Traditional NC events:

- **Cern visit** (May, tbc)
- **Varbalen/ Spring Ball 2009** - in combination with **60th NC anniversary**. (May 16 in Geneva). (As always, the amount of places will be limited. You are welcome to make your pre-booking already now, by sending an email to varbalen2009@hotmail.com).
- **Skiing** (tbc)
- **Wine biking** (tbc)
- **1st Thursday Afterworks in Geneva** (monthly)
- **NC Afterworks in Lausanne** (every 3rd week of the month)

For more updates, do keep checking www.nordics.ch.

Have a great 2009 and looking forward to seeing you at the NC events!

As Always Yours,

Victoria

NC President



General Assembly Minutes Extract:

- NC is happy to offer its community the best tools for keeping updated and get necessary help. We are also there for you to continue offering the most unforgettable events through the year. But we can't survive without your help. We are thanking everyone for its support in the past years and inviting the NC members to **re-new their memberships (the fees are remaining the same!)**.
 - By providing a payment proof to Sven (at any of the events), you will be getting a special sticker 2009 for your members cards.
 - The membership will be valid for the entire year 2009, if the last payment made after September 2008.
 - As per received feedback from our members that wish to maintain the Nordic spirit of the Club, NC stops a non-Nordic/Baltic connection recruitment. However, anyone is welcome to attend the NC events.
- NC is happy to offer free private advertisement possibilities to its members.
 - As a new offer, we will be sending monthly emails with **buy-sell offers** from the members. Do email us your requests!
- In order to bring more added value to its members, the NC is actively looking for **new partners and sponsors**, both on a permanent basis and special events. Please feel free to get in touch with us for more information.

Some of the 2008 events highlights :

- **Nordisk Varbalen 2008 – NC Spring Ball 2008**

We have been able to keep the annual event tradition. Last year's event had a new concept - it was done under a theme of Venetian Masquerade and took place at Lausanne Palace Hotel, in Lausanne. Apart from a traditional apero and a three course Michelin dinner, a table toast master competition took place. It had added a great fun and appreciation to the event. As usually, the night had ended up on the dancing floor under the musical mix of a specially invited DJ.



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As per feedback received from many of you, it was delicious, beautiful and a great fun night. It might be difficult to exceed your expectations this year, but we promise to do our best, again ☺ Please reserve May 16 for the Spring Ball 2009!

- **NC 80s party**
After a long time planning, a great idea had finally been implemented live! If you walked into the ClubHouse, you would be sure you got back into the 80s! The decoration, outfits and music – brought the guests into the true 80s spirits. We hope to be able to run an event like this again!
- **1st Thursday NC Afterwork in Geneva**
An old traditional event that many of you can't imagine its month without anymore... This year, we have made sure to keep it on a regular basis. It was held in a variety of new places where on top you were offered an aperitif. We have been also running joint events together with our partners – Swedish and Spanish Clubs, which added additional flavor ☺ Join us for the next event on February 5!
- **NC Lausanne Afterwork and Christmas Dinner**
Based on the numerous requests from its non-Geneva based members, the NC's goal in 2008 was to expand in Suisse Romandie. And the target has been reached! By the end of the year we have been able to launch NC monthly events in Lausanne! Apart from that, this year's NC Christmas dinner took place in Lausanne as well. It was served by a Swedish chef and greatly appreciated by the Nordics who had even come all the way from Geneva to join the traditional meal.

All the pictures can be views on our website's picture gallery.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon at our events!

As Always

Your NC Board



A Fun Closure

We all need a good laugh once in a while, especially when we can laugh at ourselves. Here are some

Jokes Nordics Tell About Each Other

Finnish Jokes About Other Scandinavians

RUOTSALAISVITSEJÄ/SWEDISH JOKES

Ruotsalainen kapakassa

Ruotsalainen oli Suomessa eräässä kapakassa ja vakioasiakas ehdotti hänelle: - Saat tonnin, jos saan iskeä kymmenen kaljapulloa päähäsi. Ruotsalainen mielti hieman ja lopulta suostui, osittain muun asiakaskunnan vaatimuksesta. Suomalainen iski ensimmäisen pullon ruotsalaisen päähän, sitten toisen ja niin edelleen, mutta lopetti iskettyään yhdeksän pulloa.

- No, milloinkas sinä isket sen viimeisen pullon? kysyi ruotsalainen.

- En minä mikään hölmö ole, suomalainen vastasi, silloinhan joutuisin antamaan sinulle sen tonnin.

Swede in a Pub

A Swede was in a pub in Finland and a regular customer suggested to him:

- "I'll give you \$200, if you let me smash ten beer bottles on your head." The Swede thought for a while and finally agreed, partly because of the peer pressure. The Finn smashed the first bottle on the Swede's head, then the second and so on, but he stopped after smashing nine bottles.

- "So, when are you going to smash the tenth bottle?," asked the Swede.

- "I am not a total idiot," the Finn replied, "then I would have to give you that \$200."

Välkky ruotsalainen

Suomalainen ruotsalainen ja norjalainen haaksirikkoituivat pienelle saarelle. Saarella asui ihmissyöjäheimo, jonka vangeiksi kaverukset joutuivat. Ihmissyöjät antoivat heille kullekin viimeisen toivomuksen. Ensin kysyttiin Norjalaiselta. Norjalainen halusi nähdä vielä kerran vaimonsa. Vaimo haettiin norjalaiselle. Vaimonsa nähtyään norjalainen syötiin ja hänen nahastaan tehtiin kanootti. Suomalainen tahtoi vetää yhden sätkän. Suomalaiselle hommattiin sätkä. Sen poltettuaan suomalainen syötiin ja hänen nahastaan tehtiin kanootti. Kun tuli ruotsalaisen vuoro, hän tahtoi haarukan. Ruotsalainen alkoi tökkiä itseensä reikiä haarukalla, ja huusi: MINUSTAHAN EI KANOOTTIA TEHDÄ!

The Smart Swede

A Finn, a Swede and a Norwegian found themselves deserted on a small island. A Cannibal tribe lived on the island, and they imprisoned the three men. The cannibals gave each of them a final wish. First they asked the Norwegian. The Norwegian wanted to see his wife once more. The cannibals went to find the wife. After he saw his wife, the Norwegian was eaten, and the cannibals made a canoe out of his skin. The Finn wanted to smoke one more cigarette. He got his cigarette. After he was finished, he was eaten and his skin was used to make a canoe. Then came the Swede's turn - he wanted a fork. He started to punch holes into himself, and yelled: "YOU WON'T MAKE A CANOE OUT OF ME!"

Ruotsalainen seuraleikki

Mikä on ruotsalaisten seuraleikki?

Toinen menee laatikkoon ja toinen yrittää arvata kumpi siellä on.

Voittoisa ruotsalainen

Ruotsalaisessa tehtaassa oli voileipäautomaatti. Sven ei kuitenkaan ymmärtänyt mistä oli kyse. Hän meni automaatin luo ja laittoi siihen kymmenen kruunua ja sai yhden leivän. Ihastuneena hän laittoi toisen kympin ja sai taas leivän. Lopulta hänellä oli jättipino voileipiä.

Eräs toinen työntekijä kummasteli Svenin touhujä:

-Etkö jo Sven lopeta pian?

-Mitä höpötät! Juuri kun olen saanut mahtavat voitot.

The Winning Swede

There was a sandwich machine in a Swedish factory. Sven didn't quite understand what the machine was about though. He went to the machine and paid his ten kroners and got one sandwich. He was so excited, and paid another ten to the machine and received another sandwich. Finally he had a huge pile of sandwiches.

Another worker was wondering what Sven was doing:

- "Sven, don't you think you should stop now?"

- "What the hell are you babbling about?! I am just starting to win big!"

Elämellinen ruotsalainen



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- Ruotsalainen kulki tiellä ankka kainalossaa.*
- Mistä sinä löysit tuon apinan, kysyi vastaantulija.
- Se on kylläkin ankka, väitti ruotsalainen.
- Pää kiinni, ruotsalainen! Puhun ankalle.

Norwegian Jokes About Other Nordics

Q: What is the difference between Swedes and Norwegians?

A: The Swedes have nice neighbours!

Det var to svenske snekkere som bygde et hus. En av dem åpnet en pakke med spiker og spurte den andre: "Hvorfor ligger halvparten av alle spikrene i feil retning?"

Da svarte den andre: "Din idiot, de skal jo brukes på den andre siden av huset!"

There were two Swedish carpenters building a house. One of them opened a pack of nails, and asked the other: "Why are half of the nails lying in the wrong direction?"

The other replied: "You moron! They are supposed to be used on the other side of the house!"

Norwegian Jokes

Q: How do Norwegians forge ten crown bills?

A: They scrape one zero off a hundred bill.

A Norwegian went to a museum. The tour guide was explaining: "This sword is over 2000 years old." The Norwegian paused for a second to think about it and then asked: "How is that possible? We are only in the year 1998."

Q: What did the Norwegian train robbers say while robbing a train? A: Okay, now, get us some guns...

Norwegian was bragging to his friend:

- I just bought a piece of field that is 2 cm wide and 10 km long.
- What on Earth are you going to do with a field like that?
- Grow spaghetti, of course.

Danish Jokes

A Swede and a Dane were sitting on a park bench smoking a cigarette. It started raining and then the Swede pulled out a condom and covered his cigarette so he could continue smoking. Now the Dane was wondering what it was because his cigarette was drenched and he couldn't smoke it anymore. He asked the Swede what it was and where he could get some. "They're called condoms, and you can get them in that pharmacy over there." The Dane went off to the



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pharmacy and asked for some condoms. The pharmacist asked him what size he would like. The Dane thought for a while and then replied: "Ones that fit a camel."

Interpol was looking for an escaped convict in Denmark, and sent pictures of the man to the Danish police. The pictures were taken from both sides and the front. After a few days the Danes replied: "We caught the guys on the left and the right but the one in the middle got away".

Q: Why do Danish people never play hide and seek?

A: Nobody wants to look for them.

A Danish airplane was getting ready to land in Stockholm's airport. The control tower contacted the pilot and asked for his position. The Danish pilot was surprised and didn't do anything. Again the control tower contacted the pilot. "Please tell us your position." Then the pilot understood and answered: "Here I am in the front seat, as always..."

The Danish man had a problem. His wife was coming home on the train but he could not remember if she was coming at 8:40 or 4:80.

1: Do you know how to find a lost Dane?

2: No

1: Good!

Two men were sitting on a bench in a park. One of them was drunk, and the other was also Swedish!

Q: What's the difference between Swedes and mosquitos?

A: Mosquitos are only annoying in the summer.

Keep Denmark clean - show a Swede to the ferry.

Q: Hvordan kender man en norsk reje?

A: Den står på halen, slår sig på brystet, og siger: "Jeg ær en hymmer"

I used to have two links from the Danish Humor Archive here, but I'm getting a 404 nowadays. Danes interested in equal time will need to submit links and suggestions to me.

Jokes About Finns

"How do you tell an extrovert Finn ?"

"When conversing with you, he's actually looking at your feet instead of his own !"

The difference between a Finnish wedding and a Finnish funeral is that at a funeral there's one person not having vodka.

Jokes About Norwegians



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Q: What does it say at the bottom of Norwegian Beer Bottles?

A: Open At Other End.

Q: What sign is at the bottom of Norwegian Swimming Pools?

A: No Smoking.

A bus had twenty Norwegians and they were driving into Sweden and it crashed on the highway, the owners were mad because they were Finnish and the bus could have fit thirty.

Jokes About Swedes

Q: How do you sink a Swedish battleship?

A: Put it in the water.

Q: Why does the NEW Swedish navy have glass-bottom boats ?

A: To see the OLD Swedish navy.