



# The Danish Soldiers Club

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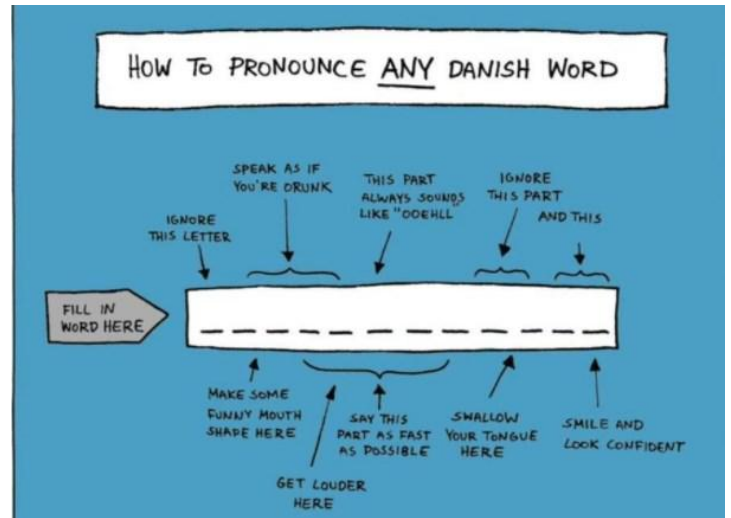
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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to the Danish Soldiers Club 2021 season. Hopefully this finds you well and somewhere in or done with the Covid vaccination process. As we start a new year, we'll start with a picnic as we did in October and November. As you may or may not know, our luncheon caterer requires 40 lunch orders. Given the present circumstances, we're uncertain as to whether or not we can generate that number. Therefore for the time being we'll open Kastania Field for another picnic on Saturday, March 6. Members do not need to RSVP, but you will have to bring your own food, beverages and tableware.

Sufficient tables will be set up to provide appropriate social distancing. In compliance with regional Covid guidelines, no indoor activities are planned. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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President



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### Club News

Welcome to the 2021 season lets hope it turns out better than 2020. Given the present circumstances, the March 6th gathering will not be a catered luncheon but instead we will open Kastania Field for another picnic lunch on Saturday, March 6. Members do not need to RSVP, but you will have to bring your own food, beverages and tableware.

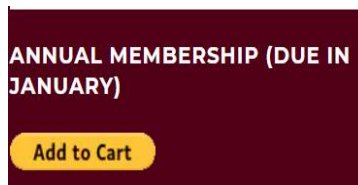
### Elections for 2021 Board

Due to the COVID 19 situation the Board decided in 2020 to delay the election of a new board until the early 2021 schedule. We have three board members with expiring terms; Keith Brians, Margrethe Bækgaard and Ken Fultz. As always, this is a volunteer run organization and your participation in the board and other activities is appreciated and necessary for the club's success. So this is the time for

Members to consider (especially new members) joining the board to help continue to keep this club strong and vibrant.

### Dues for 2021

If you have not already done so it is time to renew your membership with the Danish Soldiers Club. The price is \$40 for 2021. The easiest way is Via **PayPal** on our website [www.danishsoldiersclub.com](http://www.danishsoldiersclub.com). Just click on the member renewal button on top of the home page, and you are done.



If you do not have computer access you can also send a \$40 check to :

Margrethe Bækgaard our Treasurer. Her address is:

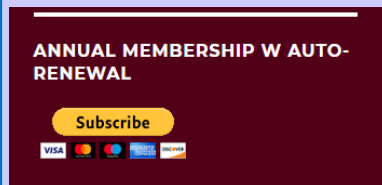
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### Fellow Members,

As you know the dues in 2020 were raised to \$40. The website was updated so that new accounts are \$40, but we cannot control people's **OLD recurring charges** from our end. The account holder has to do that by logging in to [PayPal.com](http://PayPal.com).

If your 2021 dues will be automatically paid this way and you have not already changed your account please to log into your PayPal account and cancel the \$30 recurring payment, and then go to our website and use the new link to



approve a new \$40 recurring payment, which works just fine.

But I'm afraid we're going to have to ask every "recurring payment" member to do the same, for security reasons;

it's PayPal, not us.

Sorry for any inconvenience this causes you.

### Email addresses

Please remember if you receive our newsletter by email and you change your email address, please send that update to [santarinirick@gmail.com](mailto:santarinirick@gmail.com) so I can update my contact list and ensure you continue to receive our newsletter.

## Important Notice for the March Luncheon and Meeting and COVID-19

**Saturday, March 6th** will again be a "Bring your own food and beverages" picnic, no reservations necessary.

To comply with the County guidance's the following requirements would be in place.

- *All buildings except restrooms would be closed.*
- *Members would provide their own lunch and beverages. and the bar would be closed.*
- *Groups of ten or fewer could sit together.*
- *Picnic tables would be spaced such that greater than six feet of space separate them.*
- *Face coverings would be required except when sitting at the table with your group.*

## Danish Sports

Many of us here in the United States think US football is the top thing on all sport fans minds, especially this time of year with it being Super Bowl season. In Denmark they are celebrating another sport, one that few of us here know much about— Handball is the second most popular pastime in Denmark, only exceeded by football (soccer). At the end of 2003 the Danish Handball Association had more than 146,000 active and passive members.

**Handball** (also known as **team handball**, **European handball** or **Olympic handball**) is a team sport in which two teams of seven players each (six outcourt players and a goalkeeper) pass a ball using their hands with the aim of throwing it into the goal of the other team. A standard match consists of two periods of 30 minutes, and the team that scores more goals wins.

Modern handball is played on a court of 40 by 20 meters (131 by 66 ft), with a goal in the middle of each end. The goals are surrounded by a 6-meter (20 ft) zone where only the defending goalkeeper is allowed; goals must be scored by throwing the ball from outside the zone or while "diving" into it. The sport is usually played indoors, but outdoor variants exist in the forms of field handball, Czech handball (which were more common in the past) and beach handball. The game is fast and high-scoring: professional teams now typically score between 20 and 35 goals each, though lower scores were not uncommon until a few decades ago. Players may score hat tricks. Body contact is permitted for the defenders trying to stop the attackers from approaching the goal. No protective equipment is mandated, but players may wear soft protective bands, pads and mouth guards.

The game was codified at the end of the 19th century in Denmark. The modern set of rules was published on 29 October 1917 in Berlin, which is seen as the date of birth of the sport, and had several revisions since. The first official handball match was played in the same year in Germany. The first international games were played under these rules for men in 1925 and for women in 1930. Men's handball was first played at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin as outdoors, and the next time at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich as indoors, and has been an Olympic sport since. Women's team handball was added at the 1976 Summer Olympics.

For more information on the sport here is a Wikipedia link:<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Handball#>

The **Denmark men's national handball team** is controlled by the Danish Handball Association and represents Denmark in international matches. They are the team with the fourth most medals won in European Championship history on the men's side behind Sweden, France and Spain respectively, with a total of six medals. Those being two gold medals (2008, 2012), one silver (2014) and three bronze medals (2002, 2004 & 2006).

As of January 2021, they are the reigning Olympic and double defending World Champions. Defending their 2019 World Championship title at the 2021 World Championship in Egypt, they became only the fourth country to successfully defend a World Championship title. (The other three being Sweden, Romania and France). They also become the only team, to win nineteen national matches in a row without losing at a World Champion-

ship tournament from 2019-2021, surpassing the eighteen winning streak by France. They are as of January 2021, the fourth most successful team in World Championship history behind France, Sweden and Romania respectively, having won six medals. Those being two gold (2019, 2021), three silver (1967, 2011, 2013) and one bronze medal (2007).

### I found this article online that reports on the match.

## **Mikkel Hansen and Niklas Landin lead Denmark to second straight world title**

Denmark defeat Sweden in a captivating final in Cairo to reclaim world crown at Egypt 2021. Spain took home bronze.

**Denmark** are world champions once more beating **Sweden 26-24** in the final of Egypt 2021 Handball World Championships on Sunday (31 January). Before 2019 Denmark had never won this tournament, now in 2021 they are back-to-back world champs and defending Olympic champions too, redemption for their early exit from Euro 2020 this time last year.

It was a thrilling final in Cairo that stayed tight to the final stages, Denmark's star players making the difference in the end. **Mikkel Hansen** was the hero once more, scoring **7 goals** on his 219th appearance, making it over 1,100 goals for him in a Danish shirt. Captain **Niklas Landin** was clutch too making **15 saves**, denying and demoralizing a Swedish attack time after time.

Danish TV coverage for the Egypt 2021 World Championship final started at 10 o'clock in the morning - seven and a half hours before the match against Sweden got underway, and it built to a victorious crescendo for Danish fans in the Egyptian capital.

Sweden had surprised the world by making the final, ousting France in the semis, but the top of the podium was one step too far against a dynamic Denmark.

Spain took home bronze beating France 35-29.

## **Walking on razors**

The match stayed incredibly tight until the final fifteen minutes, Sweden matching Denmark goal for goal, blow for blow. It was 8-8 after 19 mins played, 9-9 after 20, both Landin and Swedish inspirational goalie **Andreas Palicka** on four saves each and there was nothing to separate the two teams at half-time, deadlocked at 13-13.

Sweden had nine different scorers in the first half, with four players on two goals, making up for a lack of a superstar like Mikkel Hansen through a team effort. **Hamпус Wanne** (5) and **Albin Lagergren** (4) lead the Swedish scoring with **Jim Gottfridsson** as intense as ever, if a little overeager to shoot, scoring just two goals from 10 shots.

At one point an upset looked on the cards as the Swedes took a 19-18 lead midway through the second half, but a string of saves from Landin inspired a 5-1 Denmark run, Nikolaj Oris Nielsen stepping up and scoring five from five.





## Denmark national handball team



### Denmark finishes off Sweden

But in the end Denmark had too much depth for the Swedes, in the first half they lost **Lasse Svan** to a calf injury, their only out-and-out right winger in the squad, but 21-year-old **Mathias Gisdal** proved there are many dimensions to his talents, stepping into an unfamiliar role like he'd played there all his life.

He scored a beauty with his left hand, one of his 39 goals at his first world champs, and he and 24-year-old **Magnus Saugstrup** showed that Denmark's next generation is just as frightening.

Hansen and Landin made the difference in the final,

Landin was awarded his IHF Player of Year award for 2019 here in Cairo, it's now 2021 and he hasn't let his performance drop at all.

Keeping turnovers to a minimum was a crucial for Denmark said their captain afterwards.

"We were disciplined and didn't have too many occasions when we threw the ball away and got punished for it," the 32-year-old goalkeeper told Danish television.

"That is what the Swedes have done throughout the tournament, and we took that from them. And then we fight as a team. Across the board, a fantastic team effort."

Coach Nikolaj Jacobsen added: "Sweden made it difficult for us and we wasted too many chances in the opening 40 minutes, but defense and a world-class goalkeeper brought it home."

Meanwhile Mikkel Hansen was awarded the MVP at the Worlds for a third time.

The 2023 tournament will be co-hosted by Sweden and Poland.

### MATCHES

<p>Group stage</p> <p> Denmark 32 ◀</p> <p> Qatar 23</p> <p>Final Thu, Jan 21</p>	<p>Group stage</p> <p> Japan 27</p> <p> Denmark 34 ◀</p> <p>Final Sat, Jan 23</p>
<p>Group stage</p> <p> Denmark 38 ◀</p> <p> Croatia 26</p> <p>Final Mon, Jan 25</p>	<p>Quarter-final</p> <p> Denmark 39 ◀</p> <p> Egypt 38</p> <p>Final Wed, Jan 27</p>
<p>Semi-final</p> <p> Denmark 35 ◀</p> <p> Spain 33</p> <p>Final Fri, Jan 29</p>	<p>Final</p> <p> Denmark 26 ◀</p> <p> Sweden 24</p> <p>Final Sun, Jan 31</p>

