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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Thirty-some members attended the picnic meeting Saturday, August 7 and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. In our continued attempt to return to normalcy, we started with the flag raising ceremony and sung the Danish anthem and God Bless America. After lunch, we discussed the plans for the fall barbeque on September 4. Dennis Wimple will be cooking with help from volunteers. The barbeque will cost \$25 and the bar will not be open, so you will be responsible for your own beverages. Reservations will be required.

With the resignation of treasurer Margrethe Baekgaard, the board accepted Vagn Nielsen's gracious offer to once again take over the books. Thank you, Vagn.

We are looking forward to a good crowd for the barbeque and look forward to seeing you there.

Keith Brians
President



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Club News

August 7th came with beautiful weather, and 30 members and guests enjoyed Kastania Fælled and the "bring your own Picnic Lunch". For the first time we also had our flag ceremony before lunch.

September BBQ

As the club tries to start returning to normal our 1st event of 2021 is being scheduled. Plans are already being formulated for our **September BBQ, so mark September 4th on your calendar.**

Guaranteed good food and good times for all so please plan on attending. Please try to get your order in by US Mail, Email or PayPal no later than Wednesday (September 1st) evening. Due to issues in attaining a liquor license you will have to bring your own beverages.

There is plenty of space to provide appropriate social distancing. In compliance with regional Covid guidelines, indoor activities are not planned at this time.

The rest of the meetings will without any doubt have great Kastania Fælled picnic weather and temperatures so hopefully attendance will climb. **Again share this with your family and friends as a way to encourage new members to join, participate and help us celebrate our Danish Heritage. Though this the club will continue to remain vibrant**

With more people getting vaccinated and restrictions starting to ease hopefully more members will start attending. Eventually we can get to the point where we get can resume regular bar service and hold our club meetings. Fingers crossed. As stated earlier people seem to be enjoying the "bring your own picnic" lunches.

Reminder: Elections for 2021 Board

Due to the COVID 19 situation the Board decided in 2020 to delay the election of a new board, that election is still on hold. We have two board members with expired terms; Keith Brians and Ken Fultz along with one vacancy. Come November the terms of Dennis Wimple, Adam Byer and Vagn Nielsen will also be expiring.

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.

If you are interested please contact one of the Board Members to state your interest.

Order form for BBQ lunch at \$25.00 each serving



Email or mail this order to arrive no later than Wednesday PM prior to the lunch to:

dscvagn@gmail.com

Or:
Vagn Nielsen
20650 Burndale Rd
Sonoma, CA 95476
Or PayPal thru the DSC Web Site
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NEW YORK STRIP STEAK

We will prepare the finest, most tender and well seasoned beef available with three kinds of salads, beans and dinner rolls. Coffee and pastry are included.

For just \$1 there will be Hot Dogs and Ice Cream to all children.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

Lunch at 1:00

Name: _____ # of Adults _____ # of children _____ Bottled water free.

Check amount \$ _____

Bring your own beverages



Denmark at the 2020 Summer Olympics

Denmark competed at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Originally scheduled to take place from 24 July to 9 August 2020, the Games have been postponed to 23 July to 8 August 2021, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Danish athletes have appeared in every edition of the Summer Olympic Games, with the exception of the 1904 Summer Olympics in St. Louis.

Denmark at the 2020 Summer Olympics				
				
				
IOC code	DEN			
NOC	National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark			
Website	www.dif.dk (in Danish and English)			
	in Tokyo, Japan			
Competitors	108 in 16 sports			
Flag bearer (opening)	Sara Slott Petersen			
Flag bearer (closing)	Emma Aastrand Jørgensen			
Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Ranked 25th	3	4	4	11

Denmark stood with 108 athletes in 16 sports. Danish athletes won a total of 11 medals (3 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze) at the Tokyo Olympiad. This was the most gold medals won by Denmark since the 1996 Summer Olympics, and the fifth highest amount of medals won in the Summer Olympics. Three of these 11 medals were won in cycling, two in canoeing and one each in badminton, handball, rowing, sailing, shooting and swimming.

Among the Danish medalists were Viktor Axelsen, winning gold in men's singles in badminton. He became the second Danish gold medalist in badminton, the first being Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen in 1996. Former gold medalist Pernille Blume won bronze in Women's 50 m freestyle swimming, marking her third Olympic medal in her career. Emma Aastrand Jørgensen also reached three Olympic medals, having a silver medal from the 2016 Olympics and winning two bronze medals in canoeing at the 2020 Olympics. The Danish national handball team won Denmark's first silver medal in handball, having previously won four gold medals. Lasse Norman Han-

sen won his fourth and fifth Olympic medals, winning silver in men's team pursuit and gold in men's madison. This ties Hansen for most medals won by an individual Danish athlete, tying with Eskild Ebbesen and Lars Jørgen Madsen.

The Danish NOC represented not only Denmark, but also the constituent countries of Greenland and the Faroe Islands, neither of which have their own NOC. With the men's handball team winning a silver medal, Faroese handball player Jóhan Hansen became the first Faroese athlete to win a medal.

Gold Medals

Badminton

Viktor Axelsen won the gold medal match against familiar foe Chen Long of China without losing a single game at the Tokyo Olympics. Axelsen's emotions were on display after achieving Olympic glory. Viktor Axelsen became the second European player to win an Olympic gold medal in badminton at Tokyo 2020.

Sailing

Anne-Marie Rindom cruised to Olympic gold in the women's one person dinghy laser radial event at Enoshima Yacht Harbor.

Despite finishing at seventh in the medal race, the Dane had sailed away with 78 net points in total to clinch gold in her second Olympic Games.

This is the first Olympic gold medal for Rindom who already has a bronze from Rio 2016 in the same event.

"I feel stoked that it happened and I am just appreciating all the help that I got for all these years especially from my coach Piotr Wojeski from Poland," the 30-year-old Danish sailor said.

Cycling

Danish world champions Lasse Norman Hansen and Michael Morkov added Olympic madison men's gold to their collection on Saturday after battling back to triumph on the cycling track.

"I've been an emotional wreck all this week. All week I've been afraid I was going to burst into tears. I just think about the road we've travelled to get here," Morkov told Danish broadcaster DR. "Lasse and I have won everything. We were big favourites, it wasn't easy."

The madison is so named because the first events were held at the old Madison Square Garden in New York at the end of the 19th century. In the closest track cycling has to a relay over 200 laps and 50 kilometers, the men's madison sees points won by two-person teams in 20 intermediate sprints during the race, with each team-mate taking turns at being the active rider.

Denmark's Hansen, 29, previously won omnium gold at London 2012 and was part of the team pursuit unit that took silver this week. Meanwhile 36-year-old Morkov, better known as a road cyclist who took a stage on the 2013 Vuelta, also has a silver from Beijing in the team pursuit.

Medal ↕	Name ↕	Sport ↕	Event ↕	Date ↕
🥇 Gold	Anne-Marie Rindom	Sailing	Women's laser radial	1 August
🥇 Gold	Viktor Axelsen	Badminton	Men's singles	2 August
🥇 Gold	Lasse Norman Hansen Michael Mørkøv	Cycling	Men's madison	7 August
🥈 Silver	Jesper Hansen	Shooting	Men's skeet	26 July
🥈 Silver	Lasse Norman Hansen Niklas Larsen Frederik Rodenberg Rasmus Pedersen	Cycling	Men's team pursuit	4 August
🥈 Silver	Amalie Dideriksen Julie Leth	Cycling	Women's madison	6 August
🥈 Silver	Denmark men's national handball team Niklas Landin Mads Mensah Larsen Jacobsen Henrik Toft Hansen Magnus Landin Mikkel Hansen Jacobsen Morten Olsen Emil Jakobsen Jóhan Hansen Magnus Saugstrup Lasse Andersson Lasse Svan Hansen Jacob Holm Kevin Møller Mathias Gidsel Henrik Møllgaard	Handball	Men's tournament	7 August
🥉 Bronze	Joachim Sutton Frederik Vystavel	Rowing	Men's coxless pair	29 July
🥉 Bronze	Pernille Blume	Swimming	Women's 50 m freestyle	1 August
🥉 Bronze	Emma Aastrand Jørgensen	Canoeing	Women's K-1 200 metres	3 August
🥉 Bronze	Emma Aastrand Jørgensen	Canoeing	Women's K-1 500 metres	5 August

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Denmark has sent a team to all but one Olympic Games since 1896. Denmark has won at least one medal at each edition of the Games in which it has competed. Viggo Jensen claimed Denmark's first Olympic gold medal at the 1896 Games in Athens by winning the men's two-arm lifts weightlifting competition. Jensen's victory remains Denmark's only gold medal in weightlifting.

Tennis player Sofia Castenschiold was the first woman to represent Denmark at the Olympic Games. She was the sole female athlete on the team at the 1912 Games in Stockholm, where she won silver in the indoor singles event.

Denmark's most successful athlete by number of gold medals is Paul Elvstrom, who won Olympic titles in sailing at four consecutive editions of the Games between 1948 and 1960. He is also the Danish athlete with the most Olympic appearances to his name with eight. In his final Olympic Games in 1988, he competed in the Tornado class with his daughter Trine Elvstrom-Myralf.

Rowing has been a historically strong sport for Denmark. Athletes from the Danish team have won 24 rowing medals, which include a total of seven golds. Eskild Ebbesen competed in the men's lightweight four compe-

secutive editions of the Games between 1996 and 2012, winning three gold medals [1996, 2004, 2008] and two bronze medals [2000, 2012]. Ebbesen shares the distinction of having won the most medals for Denmark at the Olympic Games with shooters Lars Jorgen Madsen and Niels Larsen, who both won five medals across multiple Games in the early 20th century.

The Danish Handball team has appeared in eight Olympic games since 1972. they have medaled twice winning Gold in Rio 2016 and Silver this year at 2020 Tokyo games losing a close match to France.

