

**Coming up  
in May:  
SCoR  
Bottle Drive**



In 'President's corner' of this issue, John Edwards suggests a 'Bottle Drive' for SCoR. At the 10.03. Board meeting it was decided to ask our members to save their glass and plastic bottles for this SCoR fundraising on the last weekend in May.

**Upcoming Events**

**• Annual General Meeting**

**Monday April 11th.** At the AGM you can share your favourite dessert and let your voice be heard on important matters concerning our club!  
Venue: St Mark's Lutheran Church, 3510 Queen Street.  
Time: 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:30

**• Mosaic 2011— A Festival of Cultures**

**Thu.—Sat. June 2-4.** Experience multicultural Regina! Visit the colourful, culinary, cultural pavilions all around the city. Look for this year's programme online at <http://reginamulticulturalcouncil.ca/index.php?p=Mosaic> or in the local press.

**• Midsummer Festivities**

**Sunday June 12th: Midsummer Picnic** in Candy Cane Park! BBQ, Hot Dogs, pop, cake, vegetable tray. The phoning committee will make sure members flock to this outdoor event with old and new friends.  
Time: 2:00 pm.  
Tickets: \$5:00

**Saturday June 18th: Midsummer Camping** at Sherwood Forest Camping. Mark this weekend! Details will follow in a special announcement by letter, on Facebook and on our website (see below).



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Family membership \$ 30  
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**Midnight Sun**

**“Once in a lifetime”**

The club's reception for Scandinavian teams at the 2011 World Men's Curling Championship took place on March 30th at the Rotunda, 10 Research Drive, University of Regina.



110+ club members and friends welcomed the Norwegian and Swedish teams and wished them a challenging and enjoyable tournament.

The event was a big success — full story on p. 4.



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**President's corner**

Good Day Folks.

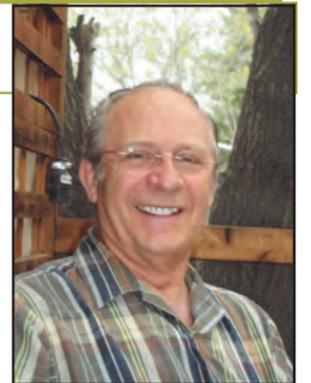
This is the last newsletter that I will be involved in as your President. I have enjoyed my term in office and will continue to help bring new members to our Club. In order for our club to survive, we all must help to recruit new members, or to bring back old ones. As of late, we have several new members, thanks to hard work on the part of Kari Mitchell. Thank you Kari. Over the next year, it would be great if we all could make an effort to recruit one new member to our club. The membership is slowly coming back. We have had several successful outings that have encouraged members to attend the functions. This has brought a renewed interest in the club. Most of our supper evenings have seen as many as ninety four members out for the evening. We hope this trend will continue.

This issue of the Midnight Sun deals with “fundraising”. How can we keep our

dues and events inexpensive to the membership? This issue will be brought forward at the A.G.M. in April. Our funds are slowing being depleted. The costs per plate for our suppers are such that we cannot contribute a little extra to the club. Therefore, we must find ways to raise money. We have looked into donations to the club from different businesses, etc, but most of them require we be involved in a certain project in order to qualify for funding.

So, when you attend the A.G.M. bring along your ideas as to what we can do to raise money for the club. One suggestion is a bottle drive prior to the Midsummer Fest, which would help to

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Recipe Stunt

We challenge club members to send their best recipes for a *Midnight Sun* 'Scandinavian Food' theme issue later this year. Many of you submitted recipes for the SCoR cook book many years ago, but perhaps you have some new ones?

**New members:** Share your favourite recent recipes! Scandinavian cuisine has changed quite a bit over the years. May be we'll have enough for a revised cook book?!

Most Scandinavian recipes will have metric measures. Rather than converting kilos and grams and deciliters into pounds and ounces and the like, you might consider getting tools for metric measuring, the sooner the better. Cups and kitchen scales with both sets of measures are easy to find.



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Salmon Supper



Club President John Edwardson presenting lucky winner Irene Nelson with the Solje Raffle prize.

As usual we started the year of members' activities with our annual Salmon Supper, this time at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The meal was catered by Joe Oddo's European Deli, and in addition to the main salmon course, we had clam chowder and apple strudel. Seventy members, old and young alike, attended.

A popular feature of this festive evening was the draw of the club's Solje Raffle. The happy winner, Irene Nelson, could take home a beautiful piece of Swedish silversmith's work. Asked if she would wear it with a national costume, she regretted not having one, but she will cherish it mounted in the attractive frame.

Lutefisk Supper in Bulyea



For 15 years the Norrona Lutheran Church in Bulyea has been serving their Lutefisk Suppers in February. This year 10 - 12 people from SCoR attended. They do not advertise as they sell out every year. We had our name in for tickets about two months in advance and were lucky enough to get them.

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Dinner plate of lutefisk, ham, lefse, meat balls and bread roll [smake god]

A Savoury Fundraiser

From our friend *Alison Wiigs* in Calgary we have received this idea of a **Cake Raffle** for a special event. It serves several purposes: Raises money, raises interest in the event, encourages cake-making, and serves as dessert.

Cakes are made and donated by our members, one cake for each dinner table, and there is a little competitive spirit in trying to produce something attractive. The cakes are displayed on a separate table before the meal starts. At each dinner table is an envelope identified by table number which gets passed around for everyone at the table to put in some money.



The envelopes are gathered, and the table contributing the most money

selects an ambassador who picks a cake for that table. The table with the next richest envelope gets next pick of the cake selection, and so on. The envelopes can also be gathered before the meal begins, so the cakes can be chosen and placed at their respective tables and people don't have to wait unduly for their dessert.

A bit of a fun way to raise some money without upping the ticket price for a meal!

2011-12: Fundraising Focus

Over the next year the club will undertake some fundraising efforts. The executive is constantly aware that we need to renew our bank account and over the next year we will ask for you help with this. The events that we host are priced as a cost recovery, so we make very little if any money to put in the bank for other events. We do this as a means of making our events affordable to everyone, but the club does have its cost. The newsletter, meeting rooms, and party supplies are just a few things that we must supply and purchase as a club.

The success of our fundraising will be directly related to the effort of the club. I know members have given a lot of time to the club in the past but we still need your help, at the same time, we as a club would also like to give back to our members through our volunteer actions. Please look for fundraising opportunities in the future, including a bottle drive.

As always thank you for your continued support of our club.

Kim Gillies



Finland

Hockey News

Finland's premier hockey league, the SM-Liiga, concluded its regular season programme of sixty matches last month. JYP Jyväskylä topped the table for the third successive year with a record 129 points. They had actually wrapped things up several games ago, and could afford to lose 4-1 to Jokerit of Helsinki and still have a comfortable 10 point margin of victory.

Helsingin Sanomat



The SCoR wants to thank everyone for attending membership events. However, please make sure that when you sign up for an event, that you actually attend. Most times food is ordered for you, and if you don't turn up, then the club ends up being responsible for the costs of the meal. Given our low annual membership fees, one meal not paid for is equivalent to a year's membership.





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Norway

### Canadian World Champions in Oslo

Canada's Alex Harvey and Devon Kershaw skied into the record books and earned Canada its first medal in men's competition with a photo finish win over Norway in the classical-style team sprint at the World Nordic Skiing Championships in Oslo in March. The only other Canadian cross-country skier to win a medal at the world championships is Sara Renner of Canmore, Alta., who took bronze in a classic-ski sprint race in 2005.

The son of cross-country skier Pierre Harvey, the first Canadian to win a World Cup race, Alex is no stranger to international success. "It is a dream come true and to do this in Norway is amazing," said Kershaw, a 28-year-old from Sudbury, Ont. The final featured 10 teams made up of two athletes who raced three times around the 1.5-kilometre track while handing off to their partner following each leg. "Devon handed off to me in a perfect position. I just skied my stride and picked my lines," said Harvey. "With 300 meters to go I knew where I wanted to be on the last downhill. I have been practicing it all week and then I just went as hard as I could to the finish. It was just incredible with all those people going crazy." The Canadians, who won in 19 minutes 10 seconds, met King Harald V of Norway immediately following the race.

*The Norway Post*



Victorious Kershaw and Harvey

*The Local*



Sweden

### Easier for foreign students to stay



A proposal presented to the Swedish government in March would make it easier for foreign university students to find jobs that would allow them to stay in Sweden. In 2009, 40,000 foreign students were enrolled but only 500 graduates were able to stay on in Sweden after finishing their degrees.

Mikaela Valtersson of the Green Party believes that part of the problem is Sweden's harsh rules for student visas. The proposal would give graduates an extra six months in order to establish themselves on the labour market.

An extra six months on your visa to look for work would make a big difference, according to Houssam Toufaily who graduated from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in 2010 and went straight into a job. "Not only would it give students time to concentrate on their studies instead of trying to find a job during the last few months before graduating", but it would also benefit employers getting Swedish educated professionals who want to stay in Sweden".

*The Local*

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offset the picnic expenses. I was just at Sarcan with my bottles, etc, and made \$20.10.. I would gladly donate that to the club. We could have members pick up the bottles and cans a week or so prior to the picnic . This would only be done once a year, prior to the Midsummer Fest. This is just one way of making a little money for the club. So, bring your ideas to the meeting on the 11th of April.

I would like to thank the executive for all the help and support they have given me over the past two years. I will continue to support our executive and membership any way I can. Once again "takk" for your support.

*Hilsen John Edwardson*

## SCoR on Facebook



Some members will know already that our club now has a Facebook page. This will allow us to post information

quickly. Join Facebook and receive information fast! Not there yet? Sign up, visit the SCoR page and "like" it! Pass it on!

<http://www.facebook.com/scandinavianclubregina>

## Editorial

On the front page of Midnight Sun number 3 of June 2009, the Board of Directors' letter raised the question of The future of our club? Here are a few scattered quotes from the letter:

**[---] we are concerned about the declining membership [---].**

**[---] Many have not renewed their memberships for 2009.**

**[---] We urge you to contact past members whom you might know who have not been active for some years.**

**[---] As you know, we have not taken part in Mosaic since 1996. You might be aware this event was a significant source of income which kept our club going. For the last 13 years, we have not had a major fund raising event.**

**[---] our bank balance continues to decline.**

**[---] so we urge you to renew your membership [---].**

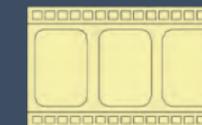
Since our Executive wrote that letter, not much has happened as far as fundraising events. After 35 years of club existence, it is understandable that the founding members are tired and reluctant to take on the responsibilities of a big event like Mosaic. But it is necessary to take the step into the 21st century. It is necessary that new generations of SCoR members be encouraged to work together to raise club funds and club awareness.

Fundraising for the club means volunteer work. We need many new volunteers to take over from those members who have been doing the job in the past. We need many new members, but we cannot keep up merely on (low) membership fees. The club needs a reliable source of revenue. It is obvious that without a major annual fundraising, SCoR will not survive.

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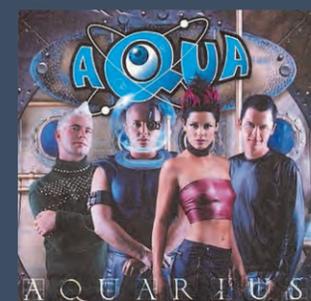


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Denmark



### Hit makers play again

Last month Danish band Aqua with Norwegian singer Lene Nystrøm released the first single 'How R U Doin?' from their new album. The last time Denmark was hit by the Aqua fever was back in 2009 with the single 'Back To The 80's'. The four band members have been pursuing solo carriers for a while, but are now ready for new band projects. With their new single Aqua is hoping to ride the surf of success caused by the mega hit 'Barbie Girl' (1997) which is still on the Top 20 list of best selling singles in Great Britain ever. Hence Aqua can boast being the biggest musical export success in Danish history.

*Politiken*



## A House Concert in Regina

In times teeming with music presentations on YouTube and via social media, something as old fashioned as a 'Salon' is coming into life again.

Sunday Feb. 20th, Nora Thompson and Bob Edwards of Regina had invited a crowd of 32 to attend a house concert with Saskatchewan singer/songwriter **Blake Berglund** from Kennedy, SK. Yes, of Swedish descent for sure. Blake is an excellent musician playing a variety of instruments, as well as a true entertainer presenting his music with anecdotes and interesting stories. His lyrics are really well written, and in the intimate environment of somebody's living room, the lowered volume level lets you realise just that. Blake travels around Canada giving concerts in all kinds of venues. This was a thoroughly enjoyable modern-day 'Musical Salon' - a comfortable surrounding for a music experience.



## SCoR Meets Scandinavian Curlers

### A once in a lifetime event: Edwardson

**One word sums up the Scandinavian Club of Regina's "Curling Reception" on March 30th: Success!**

110+ members and guests welcomed 10 curlers from Norway and Sweden to Regina. Skips Thomas Ulsrud and Niklas Edin with crews were still a bit jet lagged, but assured us they would be fit for fight on opening day for the 2011 World Men's Curling Championship.

SCoR president John Edwardson had made excellent arrangements for the event. The Rotunda at 10 Research Drive is a perfect venue for a reception like this. Lots of space, nicely laid out with groups of furniture interspersed with green plants, plenty of room for mingling. The wine and cheese menu was tasty, and there

was coffee, tea and cakes galore.

But the most important thing was meeting the curlers, and the photo sessions were long and lively. Many members had brought friends, and some of these signed up for SCoR membership. An event like this can truly be said to be a revitalisation for our club.

CBC Radio interviewed John Edwardson prior to the event, and the late news at CBC TV Regina brought glimpses from the reception. In the online version of Midnight Sun you will find a photo gallery from the reception., and we also provide a link to the newscast.



SCoR Board of Directors member Lylah Gess with Norwegian Curling Team: Coach O. Ingvaldsen, T. Nergaard, C. Svae, T. Ulsrud, H. Vad Petersson

## Sustaining Scandinavian Culture in Calgary

On a recent visit to Calgary Kari and I met with Alison and Russ Wiigs of the Sons of Norway who kindly talked to us about the state of Scandinavian activities in Calgary.



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The Wiigs' took us on a tour of the Calgary Scandinavian Centre. It was purchased in the 1970s as a cooperative venture of Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, and Icelandic groups, and volunteers put in many thousands of hours to renovate the building. The centre is the focus for much of Nordic culture in Calgary.

There is a large hall for dances and events, and to maintain it the club must ensure that it is rented out frequently. There is a smaller but very attractive meeting room which is graced by a large mural of a fjord. There is an extensive library of Scandinavian literature housed elegantly in a series of bookcases. The library is well-ordered and serves the needs of the community and also the numerous students of the Scandinavian language classes that are held there.

It is evident that the Scandinavian Centre serves as the focal point of the community and requires much work.

The Government of Alberta assists cultural clubs with a grant to assist with the upkeep of the building and maintain cultural traditions.

There are other Scandinavian activities in Calgary. For example there is the *Torskeklubben* or Cod Club where a group of men meet on a regular basis for a traditional meal of cod, potatoes and carrots -- and aquavit. The Danes have had their own club, complete with restaurant, since 1944.

We were truly impressed with what the Calgary Scandinavian community is accomplishing. It was obvious that many people in that community put in many hours of volunteer time. To maintain the programs and the building, Alison and Russ stressed to us that almost every event is a fundraiser, and they are always looking for new programs that can sustain and enhance the community

Michael Mitchell



## Design Festival

DesignMarch, a festival organized by the Iceland Design Center to raise awareness of the growth of design in Iceland, took place in Reykjavik March 24-27. All over the city—in abandoned warehouses, shops, galleries, restaurants and in the streets—both leading and grassroots Icelandic designers were exhibiting, making the event a refreshing town fair.

The program included an installation by Hrafnhildur Arnardóttir, aka Shoplifter, at the Museum of Design and Applied Art, a 10+ furniture exhibition, Icelandic Display Typeface Design, Scintilla's new collection of home textiles, Mundi's next fashion collection, an installation by KRADS architects, the launch of a skyr confectionary tower, and much more.

*Iceland Rewiew Online*

