

## November 2023 Issue

**What happened...** We had close to 60 members and guests for our November meeting. There were many regulars and some we haven't seen in a long while. We also had the privilege to meet with many new members joining the club and some guests as well.

We started with our lively social hour. Robert Loe was the man of the hour serving as our bartender. We then enjoyed a delicious Kumla (dripping in butter and bacon), ham hock and rutabaga mash dinner. Our caterer Malin and her staff outdid themselves. During our dinner we enjoyed viewing a slide show of the scale model boats our presenter has built over the years.

Guests for the evening included: Our speaker- Gary and his wife Heidi Isaksen, their son Anders Isaksen, Luke Nichols, Alyssa Johnson (granddaughter of Bernie Johnson), Debby Hanssen (wife of Kris Hanssen), James Lovold and Elisabeth Bodal who was joined by honorary member Kirsten Nessequist.



Vice President Ivan Svasand then introduced the evening's speaker, **Gary Isaksen** of Isaksen Scale Models. Ivan and Gary have been lifelong friends, going back to their early years in Bristol Bay. Ivan remembers Gary started whittling away on a block of wood, creating one of his early model boats.

Isaksen Scale Models is a family-owned business with over 36 years experience focusing on yacht scale models. With only two employees which include Gary and his wife Heidi, they create incredible works of art. Isaksen Scale Models is a highly sophisticated scale model company based out of Lake Stevens, WA. They specialize in museum-quality scale model yachts for manufacturers, designers and yacht owners all over the globe.

Their models range from building prototype interior rooms that display all furniture and details, to finished detailed exterior models showing all shapes, equipment and features. Their craft brings these models to life. From scale mega-yacht to tank test models, the quality and craftsmanship is nothing short of excellence. Gary shared some wonderful stories and photos of the work they do.

We had a lively and engaging Q&A time. Many stayed afterwards to continue in conversation. It was a pleasure to have the Isaksen's with us. If you would like to find out more about his craft please take a look at their [website](#) or find him on [Facebook](#).

Vice President Ivan Svasand then thanked Gary for his interesting talk and presented him with the NCC's traditional Tusen Takk Troll!

## **President Katrina Svasand opened our business meeting:**

We are honored to present several new members that went through initiation at the start of our meeting. They include: Laila Sharpe, Arline Christensen, Kolben Christensen, Jon Jacobsen & Alex Lund. Velkommen to Norwegian Commercial Club! Be sure to welcome them next time you attend a meeting. We are so thankful to see the club continue to grow.

President Katrina Svasand then showed members the updates to the website and how to navigate. Katrina then took a moment to walk us through the website and how to register online. It's user friendly for computer and mobile so we hope to see continued engagement in this way. Magnetic fridge calendars were made available to all as a reminder of our up coming happenings. Be sure to get yours at the next meeting if you haven't already.

We were then notified that Fishermen's Night Tickets are on sale. Members had the first opportunity at our meeting to purchase theirs.

Fishermen's Night December 14th: You may purchase your online ticket here **\*NCC Fishermen's NIGHT\***. Online sales will expedite your entrance for Fishermen's Night.

If you would still like to have a paper ticket for the event you may reach Robert Loe or the following locations:

1. Mountain Pacific Bank
2. Lunde Electric
3. PAC Fish

## **Announcements:**

- Kaffestua on the first floor of the lodge, open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-2pm. Enjoy coffee, delicious Norwegian sandwiches and treats, and lively conversation!
- NCC also now offers a \$10 option for attending Club meetings, for those who may want to hear the speaker and to socialize, but forego the meal. This option is available when making your reservation.
- Julebord Norcham Dec 1, Seattle Golf Club 11:30am-2pm \$145pp **RSVP by Nov. 17th**
- Julebord Leif Erikson Dec 9 5:00pm \$60 **RSVP by Dec 6th**
- 2023 District 2 Youth Camp Program, Scholarships are available for Sons of Norway members. Encourage anyone you know to help keep them going. [Website](#)

## **November raffle drawing winners**

David Rice won a bottle of alcohol.

Kris Hanssen won a free dinner.

*Congratulations and thank you to everyone who bought tickets to support the club.*