



Scouting Around the World

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National Capital Area Council International Committee

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The International Committee meets the third Thursday, every other month at the Marriott Scout Service Center, 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting date: Dinner Aug 15, 2013

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BP Bits:



B-P and fly fishing: B-P loved to get away and relax by throwing in a line whenever he could. A biographer, E. E. Reynolds writes: "When he needed to get right away from everything and everybody, he would go off for a few days' fishing: this for many years was his chief sport. He was never apart from polo—a ball-playing man, and he needed a sport which he could enjoy alone, for there were times when he could only recover tone by being solitary."

Collectors' Corner: Scout Seals, Poster Stamps & Labels – often sold for fund raising purposes, with no indication of cost as they are not required as part of the postal process.



Legend: Major B-P 13th Hussars poster stamp 1892; 3 poster stamps from 1st World Jambo 1920; 3 German poster stamps; 4 advertising stamps; 3 Australian poster stamps; New Zealand sheetlet 1939; Holland sheetlet. Pictures from "Scouting Collectibles" by Colin Walker



For those interested in the next World Jamboree, Bulletin #2 for Japan is out. It's really aimed at National Scout Organization leaders, but it does give some details for IST: expect to arrive by the evening of 7/25/15 and depart 8/9/15. Find #2 at: http://issuu.com/worldscouting/docs/23bulletin_02_en_web01. The BSA page for the WJ is at <http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>.

Scouting in Norway:

Scouting and Guiding is served by the Speidernes Fellesorganisasjon, a federation of Norges Speiderforbund (Norwegian Guide and Scout Association) and Norges KFUM-KFUK-speidere (YWCA-YMCA Guides and Scouts of Norway).



The **Norwegian Guide and Scout Association: Norges Speiderforbund**, (NSF) is a Norwegian Scouting and Guiding association founded in its present form in 1978, when the *Norwegian Boy Scout Organization* (founded in 1910) and the *Norwegian Girl Guide Organization* (founded in 1921) merged. As of 2008, NSF had 20,000 members, organized in 29 districts and 6 corps with 450 local groups. The association is divided into four age-groups: Beavers - ages 6 to 8, Cubs/Brownies - ages 8 to 10, Scouts/Guides - ages 10 to 16, Rovers - ages 16 to 24.

The Norwegian Guide and Scout Association is an ideal organization based on teaching children, youth and adults the fundamentals of responsibility taking, accepting challenges, new experiences and personal development. "Learning by doing" and leader training are important elements of the movement. Other important elements are outdoor activities, friendship, practical knowledge and improved quality of life.



KFUM-KFUK

The **YWCA-YMCA Guides and Scouts of Norway: Norges KFUK-KFUM-speidere** is a Norwegian Scouting and Guiding association founded in its present form in 2003, when the YMCA-Scouts and the YWCA-Guides merged. Norges KFUK-KFUM-speidere serves about 13,000 members. It is divided in 20 districts with about 350 local troops. Guiding within the YWCA was started in 1920, Scouting in the YMCA in 1945. In 2003 both organizations merged; for the first years after the merger, the association ran both former programs and the units were free to decide if they followed the Guide or the Scout scheme. In 2007, a new organizational structure as well as new program was decided. Since 2007, the association is divided in four sections according to age: *Uppdagere* (Discoverers) - ages 8 to 10, *Stifinnere* (Pathfinders) - ages 10 to 12, *Vandrere* (Wanderers) - ages 12 to 17, *Rovere* (Rovers) - ages 17 and older.



Historic emblem of Norges KFUM-speidere

The YWCA-YMCA Guides and Scouts of Norway focus on experiences in nature, friendship and fellowship, Christian faith and development of the entire human being. Guides and Scouts spend much time in the outdoors all year round, in all types of weather. We explore the Norwegian wilderness on foot, on skis and in canoes, and get to know both plants and animals.

- *Alltid Beredt*: Always Prepared.