



Club News

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Newsletter for Members of The Danish Canadian Club

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Message from the Board

Godt Nytår!

The coming year is one of major changes for the Danish Canadian Club and its members. We will be leaving the location that many of us have known for over 50 years here. But with change comes opportunity and we are excited about what the future holds. There are more details in the *President's Message* below and more to come over the next few months. Stay tuned and join us as we plan for the next 50 years of Calgary's own Danish Canadian Club.



President's Message

At the start of 2024 we all thought that our future home for the DCC should be a restaurant we could adapt to suit the future needs of the Club. The Club future committee spent a considerable amount of time looking at or discussing different available restaurants. These discussions were reported to the board and led to a number of open houses held to get feedback from members and shareholders. Through it all it became clear to the board that a restaurant would not be the way forward after all, so a new direction had to be chosen.

The general consensus became a desire to join an existing facility with kitchen and staff in place. A place with sufficient parking, easy handicap access and a somewhat central location. This brought up a number of different scenarios to consider, including, but not limited to, the Scandinavian Centre, the Legion in Kensington, the Italian Club and the Austrian Club. Again a lot of leg work and meetings were undertaken to assess the different options. By the time the AGM was held in September the board had a good idea of which would be the best option and asked for the shareholders to approve negotiations that would lead to a proposal for a suitable facility. We received the approval on the condition the shareholders would have the final say in the decision.

We look forward to updating you with the new location once an agreement has been struck. We have decided to close the Club operations in our current facility on the 31st of May 2025. This year, will be very busy with finalizing negotiations for a new location, relocate to a new facility and invest the funds from the sale of the land and building of the current facility.

Sincerely
Per Andersen, President

Upcoming Events at the Club:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Peter's Famous Brunch	Saturdays	10 am to 2 pm	Mermaid Lounge
Over 55 Cribbage	Wednesday, Jan 22 (Meet every other Wednesday)	7 to 11 pm	Tivoli Room
Danish Buffet*	Saturday, January 25	5PM to 8:30 PM	Mermaid Lounge
Pølser Night (Hot Dogs the Danish Way)	Tuesday, February 18	6 pm	Mermaid Lounge
Bow Valley Toastmasters	(Meets every Thursday)	6 pm to 8 pm	Queen's Room
Building Operators Association	Tuesday, January 14 (Meet every other Tuesday)	7 to 11 pm	Valhalla Balcony
Calgary Burns Club	Tuesday, Jan 14 (Meet every second Tuesday)	7 to 11 pm	Tivoli Room
Squash Club	Wednesday, Jan 15 (Third Wednesday of the month)	7 to 11 pm	Tivoli Room
Naver Club Meeting	Thursday, February 6 (First Thursday of every month)	6 pm to 10 pm	Viking Room

- **Reservations suggested (Call 403 261-6631)**

The Mermaid Inn

The Mermaid Inn is the Danish Canadian Club's restaurant and lounge and is a cozy place to spend cold winter afternoons or evenings. In the same location since 1973, it is a favourite amongst members and guests. Many visit The Mermaid Inn regularly; it's not just a restaurant and lounge – it's a place where everyone knows your name. Drop in for a drink or two with good friends or meet new friends, and feel free to stay and enjoy delicious traditional Danish dishes and Canadian cuisine. The Mermaid Inn has weekly specials that are on the website and Facebook; half-price wine Tuesday.

The Mermaid Inn also provides catering services to offices in the Beltline and downtown Calgary. Our corporate clients have the best taste!

Come and enjoy the Mermaid Inn! Lunch is always popular. Dinner is wonderful and Saturday night at the Mermaid Inn will introduce you to a completely new world of culinary delights. Bring your friends! Find more information and the menu on our [website](#).

Mermaid Inn and Restaurant Hours:

Tuesday – Friday: 11 am- 8:30 pm
Lunch served: 11am- 5pm
Saturday Brunch: 10 am- 1: 30 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 8:30 pm
Dinner served: 5- 8:30 pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

Membership:

Did you know you don't have to be Danish or of Danish descent to join the Danish Canadian Club? We have members from all over the world.

The Club is centrally located in the Beltline area, with ample parking on the premises. Check out our menu and banquet facilities. The club will gladly provide access to anyone interested in attending, so you can experience our wonderful Mermaid Inn Restaurant and see what Danish cuisine is all about.

Your membership will continue to be in effect after the transition from our current space, and we hope to offer some new member benefits in the coming year. See the full details on our [website](#).

Membership Prices (Individual plus spouse)

One Year - \$30

Two Years - \$60

Three Years - \$90

Five Years - \$120 (save \$30)

Life Time \$ 500.00

You can further support your club by providing financial gifts or donations now or in the future. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide tax receipts, but know that your help will keep the club and our history stay alive for many years to come.

Banquet Facilities:

Do you have a special event or want to hold a meeting for your group of 8 to 365 people? The Danish Canadian Club is an ideal place to host your celebrations or have your group or business meetings. We have different sized banquet halls, and best of all, there is no charge for the hall rentals. We charge only for the food and beverages plus GST and 15% gratuity. If you order breakfast, lunch or dinner for your group, the Danish Canadian Club will provide a meeting room or our ballroom free of charge. It will be our pleasure to help you plan and organize your function.

We provide a completely personalized banquet service for your group. The menu can be tailored to your specific needs and wants.

A tentative reservation can be accepted for a period of two weeks. After that, a reservation deposit is required for all events to confirm your booking. The balance is due upon completion of the event.

Since market conditions and prices fluctuate, all prices quoted are subject to change. However, final quotes can be obtained up to 60 days prior to your function. We also ask that you make the final arrangements by the "due date" we mutually agree to. This will help us (and you) ensure a successful function.

Please let us know the exact number of guests at least 48 hours before your function. Because of the advance planning and preparation time, this is the guarantee for which you will be charged, even if fewer guests attend. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 403-261-9744.

The Ballrooms (Each includes a dance floor):

- Valhalla Hall (max. 365)**
- Tivoli Room (max. 72)**

Meeting / Board Rooms – for groups of 8 to 50 people

- Queens Room**
- Kings Room**
- Viking Room**
- Board Room (Peter's Room)**

The Danish Club has installed new Wi-Fi in all our rooms, which gives you a fast and strong signal that makes it ideal for office work.

Danish memorabilia and artifacts:

Due to a lack of space or the ability to store item(s) when the club moves, we are identifying a plan to deal with all the donations that the club has received over the years. The first step is for the Board to take an inventory of all the items in the building. The board will first and foremost decide what will come along to the new location when that time comes.

If anybody has or knows of somebody that has donated to the club and would like to have the item(s) back, please [email](#) The Danish Canadian Club and write attention to Jan Sorensen.

The remaining will be either donated or sold. Please get in touch with the club office or Jan to indicate your intention. Items are not to be removed by individuals. Thank you for your understanding.

Treasure Draw Numbers:

TREASURE DRAW NOV – DEC 2024				
Nov	1	Anthony Kasper	7224	\$ 529.00
	2	Gordon Pedersen	37	\$ 551.00
	5	Kjeld Fink-Jensen	1808	\$ 557.00
	6	Peter Larsen	7086	\$ 565.00
	7	Doug Robertson	4263	\$ 585.00
	8	Bodil Brink	845	\$ 605.00
	9	Andrew Jonassen	7028	\$ 618.00
	12	Jedediah Phillips	7069	\$ 641.00
	13	Larry Anderson	1885	\$ 659.00
	14	Linda Peddie	1913	\$ 666.00
	15	Bob Clarke	6244	\$ 682.00
	16	Cheryl Cohen	5170	\$ 700.00
	19	Evan Due	6076	\$ 714.00
	20	Avi Amir	6966	\$ 716.00
	21	Steven Hain	6200	\$ 721.00
	22	Ron Pratt	7043	\$ 736.00
	23	Johanne Aae-Nielsen	3603	\$ 740.00
	26	Donald Gardner	1564	\$ 748.00
	27	Hans Mikkelsen	32	WINNER \$ 268.00
	28	Alan Clark	6099	\$ 277.00
	29	Shawn Vammen	3184	\$ 293.00
	30	Martin Sorensen	4948	\$ 311.00
Dec	3	Billo Halase	509	\$ 320.00
	4	Martin Sorensen	4948	\$ 325.00
	5	Colin & Dorrit Smith	146	\$ 355.00

6	Shawn Vammen	3184		\$ 369.00
7	Martin Sorensen	4948		\$ 385.00
10	Patti Postlewaite	4987	WINNER	\$ 273.00
11	Brenda Norregaard	4830		\$ 291.00
12	Merrill Nelson	654		\$ 299.00
13	Austin Pedersen	6020		\$ 313.00
14	Brenden Pansky	6230		\$ 332.00
15	Alan Larsen	3216		\$ 343.00
17	Karl Fleurke	6087		\$ 353.00
18	Brian Petersen	388		\$ 363.00
19	Charlotte Christophersen	574		\$ 377.00
20	Kevin Berg	1129		\$ 396.00
21	Kirsten Ross	494		\$ 404.00