



From your President



A word from the President.

I'm prejudiced in this case as I adore Greece but based on all comments and emails received – it was a super great Greek Evening at Lemonia Tavern!

When it is doom & gloom we need some enjoyment, something that makes us laugh again. That is exactly what the Greek Evening was all about – have fun among friends. So lets do it again and as soon as possible!

You have probably seen that this “new” Skålink is more international than ever. I think this is the right approach as we are a global organisation and celebrating 75 years in May.

We still need your comments and your in-put are very important to us. We need your help to keep this newsletter going. Any one interested in the position as Skålink Editor?

The months of March, April and May are filled with interesting functions. Please attend as many as possible and show your support for the club.

Mats Wivesson / February 2009

Calendar of events – 2009

Date	Venue	Event
March 19	University of Westminster	Recruitment Lunch
April 16	Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese	Pub Lunch
May 21	Westminster Kingsway College	Veteran's Lunch
June 18	tba	Hungarian Event
July 16	London Duck Tour	Incl. Lunch & London Eye
September 17	Sherlock Holmes Pub	Pub Lunch
October 15	Medieval Banquet	Lunch
November 10	Crowne Plaza Excel Hotel	World Travel Market Lunch
December 10	tba	Christmas Luncheon

Next event – 18th February

International Mid-Year Congress



Skål International is coming to London!

The International Councillors and Executives are coming to London for their Mid-Year International Congress!

Come and join the party! But most of all – be there and show the world that Skål London is strong and pulsating!

There will be a Dinner Cruise on the Thames on Friday 1st May followed by the International President's Dinner on the 2nd May.



The show-boat dinner depart Westminster Pier 19.30 promptly returning by 23.00.

Reception drink on arrival, four course dinner, ½ bottle wine, cabaret followed by disco.

All this for ONLY £47.00 p.p. (booking form on our web)

Accommodation available at conference hotel, the CUMBERLAND HOTEL, Marble Arch for only £90 per room per night. If you want to stay in other hotels in London over the weekend, please contact Mats Wivesson for more discounted hotel rates



Young Skål Recruitment Lunch - 19th March

All skålleagues are welcome to University of Westminster to help promote Skål London and Skål International.

Buffet lunch followed by a presentation by Jim Power (General Secretary – Skål International), Rob Davidson (Travel & Tourism Lecturer), Paul Fellows Skål London, Justin Daich - Luton Young Skål.

**Young Skål is our future
please show your support!**

Coming up soon



Our annual pub lunch at **Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese** in April. Good pub food and really good bitter! Space limited!

A good pint never taste better than in Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese among good friends!



Skål International – 75 years!



Skål International is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its foundation as an international association this year and the special celebrations will take place in Paris, where the first Club was founded, from 26 to 28 April 2009.

To read your personal invitation from the President, Hulya Aslantas, to see the programme and get the registration form, please go to the Skål website www.skål.travel and click on the special 75th Anniversary logo.

Eco Tourism Award!

The 8th Skål International Ecotourism Awards will be presented in Budapest during the Opening Ceremony of the 70th Skål World Congress on Monday 2 November 2009.

The deadline for receipt of entries is 30 June 2009. Full details on the awards are on the special Sustainable Tourism page of the Skål International website www.skål.travel. Please contact the London council for further information and nomination procedures.

The 70th Skål World Congress

The 70th Skål World Congress will be held in Budapest, Hungary from 1-6 November 2009. Skål International Budapest is working very hard to ensure a very special congress in this beautiful city on the banks of the Danube.

Benevolent Fund News

2009 GRAND ANNUAL DRAW – LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS

The Trustees would like to thank, most sincerely, all those who have so kindly supported our annual fund raising event, by so generously donating prizes, purchasing & selling tickets or kindly sending donations. Those prize winners who did not collect their prizes at the President's Night event, have now been notified by post.

Receipts from ticket sales this year were £1,788, which when added to donations made of £305, resulted in a grand total £2,093. A really splendid effort. Very many thanks to everyone involved. / Bob Duffett

Prize	Ticket	Name	Prize	Ticket	Name
1	2089	P.Mackinley	24	6922	S.Loveloek
2	2043	M.McLean	25	3920	L. Tvedt
3	6836	L.Keijer	26	2444	A.Burford
4	1073	E.Rawdon	27	0130	R.Johnson
5	6715	T.King	28	2050	M.McLean
6	0422	Fintrax	29	0349	J.Burroughes
7	0350	J.Burroughes	30	6885	T.Hillier
8	0012	R.T.S.	31	6303	P.Follows
9	3781	K.Sjovorr	32	0596	P.Adamou
10	4078	A.Gilbertson	33	6856	M.Fisher
11	0327	Citybond	34	3223	R.Hawkes
12	6339	L.Marcelo	35	6881	T.Hillier
13	3047	J.Day	36	0133	A.Berry
14	0273	B.Ford	37	6792	T.King
15	2146	E.Mclean	38	1361	C.Brasa
16	0292	T.King	39	0710	Baty
17	3436	J.Manning	40	4108	D.Behde
18	0447	Fintrax	41	6473	Heullier
19	1372	G.McQorudale	42	1371	C.Downer
20	6843	T.Metcalf	43	1926	E.Jackson
21	6221	Brian	44	2337	E.Blighton
22	1938	E.Jack	45	0144	P.Mack
23	6338	L.Marcelo			

Any enquiries regarding Prizes should be made to the Promoter:-
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 East Grinstead,
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Here is the Prize Draw promoter himself, as guide at the Croydon Airport Museum.



"The best guide I have ever encountered and I have seen quite a few!" (comment from Mats Wivesson)

Last event – Greek Evening



What is our President doing? Trying some Greek dances or conducting an orchestra??

What a success! Over 30 skalleagues and guests enjoyed a marvellous evening. Plenty of real Greek food.

Asa Graham won the quiz with an impressive 8 right answers out of 10 followed with just 1/2 point behind by Julio Ugo.



Skalleagues and guests engage in a discussion with the waiter –in Greek!!



From left to right Tricia Stroudly (Luton), Janet Kevan with guest and with her back to the camera Elizabeth Milhofer.