



A word from your President



Time to say farewell
After two years (three years in total) as your President it is time to step down. With much confidence I'm handing over the reins to Robin Jackson. Robin will as well be the new editor of the Skålink from the next issue.

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the end of January and I'm delighted to announce that our membership is still holding up. Though this does not mean we can relax – we still need many more members.

As this is my last newsletter I would ask you to read it carefully as it contains important news regarding your club and Skål International.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to the council who has supported me over the last two years as President . I also thank the members who have encouraged me to continue in my efforts to improve the Clubs' standard. No names mentioned you know who you are.

Finally I would appreciate to see you all at my "President's Night" on the 4th March. I have chosen the Greek/ Mediterranean Restaurant Santorini for this very informal dinner. You know that I love Greek food and this is as good as it gets. Come directly after work and have a relaxing and enjoyable dinner with myself and Lolo.

Mats Wivesson



Robin Jackson,
Skål London President 2010
and next Editor of Skålink

Our web-site www.skallondon.co.uk

I will still be Skål London web master for the coming year. To be able to continue I need your help. Please have a look at your very own web-site www.skallondon.co.uk and let me know what you think. I need all kind of inputs. And loads of them – please, please!

Don't forget – WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!

Don't forget MEMBER GETS MEMBERS

Just one new member from each of you
and much will change in positive directions.

Calendar of events – 2010

Date	Venue	Event
March, 4th	Santorini Restaurant	President's Night
April, 15th	New Connaught Rooms	Recruitment Evening
May, 20th	Westminster Catering College	Veteran's Lunch
June, tbc	TBC	TBC
July, tbc	Paris, France	A trip to Paris is under discussion with the Paris Club

Next event – 4th March



President's Night

Thursday 4th March at 18.30
Santorini Restaurant
Moscow Road, Bayswater

My Greek paradise!

Come and join me for a very informal dinner at one of the best Greek restaurants in London. The Santorini Restaurant is located just a few minutes walk from the Bayswater underground station.

Good food and drinks in good company what more do we need?



Greek specialties!

URGENT REQUEST!

We are organising our largest "recruitment evening" ever on the 15th April! We have secured eminent speakers such as John Bond, Jetset Holidays, Oliver Staas GM at Park Inn Hotel and Colin O'Neil from Advantage Travel. We hope for a really good turn up. Invitations will be sent out soon but we need your support to make it all happen. If you know **anyone** in the travel business, a potential Skål member – please forward that persons details to Tony Milhofer for a written invitation – **we need your support urgently!**

Skål Jobs Bank!

As a free service to our members Skål International has a "job bank" where jobs in the travel and tourism industry are offered and sought. You will find the jobs bank in the members' only area of the Skål website.

Skål International London, Council 2010

President: Robin Jackson
1st Vice & 2nd Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Paul Follows
Treasurer: Peter Adamou
Social Secretary / Event: Mats Wivesson
Benevolent Fund Trustee: Bob Duffett
Membership Development Officer: Tony Milhofer
Web Master: Mats Wivesson
Editor Skålink: Robin Jackson
Young Skål: Tony Milhofer
PR & Press Officer: Mats Wivesson
International Councillor: Paul Follows
National Delegate: Tony Milhofer

Please note – Skål London is your Club! Help us to take Skål London forward, we need your opinion suggestions.

Skål International UK Council 2010

President: John Bright
1st Vice President: Ian Hawkes
2nd Vice President: Julian A. Bernstein
Imm Past President & Media Vetting: Tony Bennett
National Secretary: Sally Gray
Treasurer: David Goddard
Webmaster: Peter A Steen
200 Club: Maurice Steer
Transport & Media Vetting: Tony Milhofer
PR & Membership: Mark W. Alexander
International Councillor: Paul Follows
Non Executive Officer : Diane Toner
Past World President & Membre D'Honneur: Ian McCubbin

We wish them all the best for the coming year!

Skål UK National Assembly, April 23rd-25th

The 57th Skål UK National Assembly will be on the beautiful Isle of Wight on April 23-25. The Southampton Club has arranged a great program. There are still some places left! We are holding back these places **JUST FOR YOU**. Please book urgently by contacting Shirley Winn on telephone 983 – 405 116 or email: shirley.winn@iowtours.com

It has been said before but it is worth repeating. To be able to log-in to the members section on the international web-site's and the new web2,0 area you will require your full name with an underscore. I will use mats_wivesson. The password remain the same. Don't be afraid about tecno terminology web2,0 it is exactly as it was before but is more interactive friendly. Look at the new news-letter format – nice isn't it?.

71st International World Congress

Information is now being uploaded on the Skål International web-site on the 71st Skål World Congress which will be held in Sydney, Australia, from Thursday 7th to Tuesday 12th October 2010. Skål International Sydney has put together a very interesting programme including a Sydney Harbour cruise, a visit to the Hunter Valley as well as many opportunities for members to do business together.

Please contact Tony Milhofer for further information on special airfares, registration and information on pre-and post-tours .

Latest event



Alex Winkley (auditor), Derry Seabrook, Jayne Byott and Bob Duffett at the AGM.

Robin Jackson receiving the President's Chain from out-going President Mats Wivesson



Arne Kode, Paul McLean and Bob Duffett enjoying a drink before the AGM Luncheon.

Photo right; Our excellent speaker Jaco Powell, 2by2 Holidays - Private Tours & Safaris to South Africa. And such fantastic photos!



Jayne Byott and Ernest Rawdon listening with interest.



We were all spell-bound by tales of the animals in South Africas desert.



More photos in the Photo Gallery:
WWW.SKALLONDON.CO.UK

Skål UK 200 Club – IN IT TO WIN IT!

OK, it is not like Eurolotto with a jackpot of £100 million but the chances to win with Skål UK 200 Club is much higher. Shares cost only £12 per year (April 2010 – March 2011). That is just £1 per month. 50% of the proceeds are allocated to prize money and the other 50% goes into the National funds to help keep the annual dues down. With 12 monthly draws of three cash prizes – can you afford not to join?

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