

Hanne's speech

This is Bjørn reunion no. 11.

Why are we meeting?

In 1859 2 young people were married at Dalby church. That were Johanne Poulsen and Peder Jensen (Bjørn). He was born at the Bjørn farm on Hindsholm. At that time only the oldest son could get the farm the father has rented from the manor house Hverringe. An older brother Jens was already in Mausing so Johanne and Peder also bought a little farm there.

They sail by boat from Kerteminde to Aarhus. On the boat they had horses and a vagon. In Mausing the farmers still used cows when they do the work on the fields. Also their religion were different.

Jens was their first child born 1860 and he was baptized in Vinderslev church, but all the others were baptized in other churches. 6 children were born from 1860 to 1875.

They went to school in Mausing and did a lot of gymnastic. Their mother Johanne thought it was not good for them to do gymnastic in Vinderslev community center because the inn was near so she started getting built a community Center in Mausing.

Our first reunion was in Vinderslev community center because Mausing was not open. Eivind Lillehoj stayed in Denmark for some month and asked the family for a meeting. But so we had 1983, 1987, 1991 reunions in Mausing.

In 1991 Jeff Thordahl was in Denmark. But he missed the reunion because he should fly home that day. But he said we will do it next time.

Therefore in 1996 we were invited to South Carolina.

Jens Bjørn should move from the Bjørn farm dec. 31. 1999 so we decided we should have a reunion before so we could visit the farm before Jens moved out. The reunion dinner we had on old Avernæs.

In 2003 we had reunion in Vail, CO and some did a tour to see where Lars had lived in Berthoud.

In some beach houses in Bønnerup we had reunion in 2007.

2011 the reunion was in Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. Some were lucky to see a bear mother with her 2 kids.

Reunion 2015 we had at Skarrildhus in Denmark.

This time at Snow Mountain Ranch is the first time some of Lars's family had been together with us. Sunday we had Joanie Simon her daughter Jill with husband Michael Marks were here.

I hope I have pictures from most reunions on my homepage www.habjoern.dk

I shall say hello from my son Allan. And the Thordahl family I shall say hello from Rigmor who some met for the first time in 2015.