

14 annual Running of the Trolls

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is pleased to announce the 14th annual Running of the Trolls run/walk!

We invite you to join us for a walk or run in the beautiful Olney countryside. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Scholarship Fund.



Submitted Photo

Pictured, the top male and female winners of the Running of the Trolls during the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, Glen and Venus Fromwiller, shown with Perry Browning, center, the Festival Troll. The Fromwillers are the first married couple top finishers of the 5.75 mile course.

RACE INFORMATION:

Race day: Saturday, June 17, 2017. Race starts at 8:30 a.m. at the fairgrounds parking lot.

Cost: \$25 entry fee includes:

Option 1: Troll Run T-shirt

Option 2: Three-day admission button to the 2017 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

Also included is free parking for Saturday, June 17, and a bottle of water.

Race day check-in: 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at Clatsop County Fairgrounds building entrance.

T-shirts or festival buttons, as well as parking pass and water, are distributed at this time.

Awards: Overall top male, female, teen and youth finisher/runner in 5.75-mile run will be awarded trophies.

Course: Leave Clatsop County Fairgrounds parking lot, follow Waluski Loop Road to Labiske Lane turn-off, turn around and follow

same route back to fairgrounds. Mostly flat terrain with one gradual hill on a scenic, country road.

Dogs: Sorry, no dogs on any of the courses (except registered service or guide dogs).

Distance choice: 1.5-mile run/walk, 3-mile run/walk, or 5.75-mile run.

Parking: parking is available at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. Please let attendants know you are participating in the Troll Run. Saturday parking passes will be handed out upon check-in.

How to register: Fill out registration form and mail with your check to:

Running of the Trolls, P.O. Box 34, Astoria, OR 97103.

Make checks payable to: S.M.F.A. Late registration will be at the Festival Information Booth on Friday, June 16, and on race day during check-in from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

KUBB TOURNAMENT

This year, there will be a small Kubb tournament on Saturday, June 17

The four Scandinavian countries that have local cultural clubs will be pitted against each other on the field. The concept is simple: throwing pieces of wood at each other and save the king for last.

There are a few more rules, of course. People play around the world, and there is a world championship tournament in Sweden.

The first world championship tournament was in Gotland in 1995, after the game became more commercially available in the 1980s.

Ten years ago, Eric Anderson started a tournament in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, with 15 teams. That tournament has been growing ever since and had 460 players last year.

Kubb is played by teams of two to six players, two teams per match. However, many players there are on a team, each team will throw six batons at the



opposing team's "kubbs," small rectangular pieces lined up at the ends of the playing field. Each team throws all of their batons while their opponents watch, and then the opponents pick up any kubbs knocked over. These are thrown back across to the side they will throw at and they knock those over first. (It makes sense in person.)

Once a team is out of kubbs to knock over, they may aim at the king, a larger piece placed in the middle of the field. When the king is down, a winner is declared! Knocking the king down too early is an automatic loss.

Come watch the tournament, or try the game yourself at this year's festival!

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