



Where the sound from the North Sea meets the Baltic Sea, we find the Galsterdo Golf Club.



The "Troll-Oak" estimated age: 1,000 years, located in a cemetery of old viking graves. When the moon is full, gruesome trolls haunt the site. During certain days however when the sun is bright, trolls can appear in the shape of a blond, smiling and attractive woman; beware, however, she is still a "troll".



The charcoal mound - For during hundreds of years 1222 to 1798, fires burned on the mound. When the seafarers sighted the fires they knew that danger lay ahead and changed the course. It said though that when the fire was out the same dwellers helped themselves to provisions from the shipwrecks. 1978 the lighthouse replaced the fire mound. It is in service today and also houses a meteorological station.

A Club President is said to be a man who knows very little about a great deal and keeps knowing less and less about more and more until he knows practically nothing about everything.

On the other hand, a Green Chairman is a man who knows a great deal about very little and goes along knowing more and more about less and less, until finally he knows practically everything about nothing.

A Golf Course Superintendent starts out knowing practically everything about everything, but ends up knowing nothing about nothing, due to his association with Club Presidents and Green Chairmen.

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Falsterbo Golf Club House

The club is within easy reach of three cities; Malmo on the Swedish coast north and opposite Copenhagen -- just across the Sound in Denmark. The Danish capital is due northwest from Falsterbo Golf Club. Annually, large, shining white ferries carry millions of passengers between Copenhagen and Malmo. Excellent food and drinks are served during the crossing of the Sound (1 hour 45 minutes) and at reasonable prices. To the east of Falsterbohus Club within short distance we find another busy seaport -- Trelleborg. From Trelleborg large passenger boats will take you across the Baltic to the west German hanseatic cities of Travemunde, Sassnitz and Lybeck; cities with much tourist appeal.

Scania is the southernmost province of Sweden. Its history takes you back to the pagan god, Odin. Within an area of approximately 4,000 square miles are located some 220 stately castles and country estates; the majority of which are still owned and maintained by the descendants of the original founders some hundred years ago. Many Viking burial fields and also a geometrical formation of large stones, exactly like Stone Henge in England, provide visible evidence of the long history of Scania. From this area came many of the Vikings that conquered England, Ireland, France and also Sicily, Turkey and Russia. So much for the history and geography of the province where is located one of Scandinavia's oldest and most famous golf clubs, Falsterbohus; named after an ancient castle, the ruins of which can still be seen.

Because of the club's location; at the very tip of a peninsula, on the grounds of Falsterbohus Golf Club, are to be seen, one lighthouse, built 1778, and also a mound marked by a stone with the year 1228. During murky nights, on the mound, charcoal fires were burning, ostensibly to warn seafarers away from the treacherous shoals, or, was it the other way around? Falsterbohus is open all year around. Late summer or fall is a good time to play. The manager, Mr. Malmgren, tall, lean, an officer and cross country runner, is a congenial, accomodating gentleman. In Scania are many more fine golf clubs and statistics show that in Europe only England has more golf clubs than Sweden. Twice the Swedish golf teams have been European champions. This year however, they were beaten by the wily Scotch and placed second. With so much in common it would be well if closer cooperation between Swedish and American golfers could be established.

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