Message from the President

Dear Members of the Swiss Club:

Everything is renewed in spring, including this edition of the Postillion with a new editor, Stef Kvamme, a new printer, and even a new color and (better) quality paper. At the well attended Easter egg hunt at the embassy, beautifully organized by Claudia and her helpers, the weather was so warm that some of the ‘not so well hidden’ chocolate bunnies actually melted in the early spring sun! Now we have the urge to go outdoors, and there is no better way to enjoy the weather than on a hike on the Billy Goat Trail on Saturday, May 16, in the delightful company of your friends from the Swiss Club. We’ll go rain or shine; as always, there will be easy paths along the canal road, and somewhat more challenging ones on the trail, and if you come only for the picnic, that’s ok, too.

I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Christian Haudenschild

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AGENDA 2009

ALL EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- **Saturday, May 16**: Billy Goat Trail / Carderock
- **Sunday May 31**: 2nd Jass Tournament
- **June/July tba**: Swiss Breakfast / tba
- **Saturday, August 1**: Swiss National Day / Swiss Embassy
- **Early September**: Fahrt ins Blaue
- **Sunday, September 6**: 3rd Jass Tournament / tba
- **Early October**: Fall Festival Picnic, pumpkin carving
- **Friday, October 24**: Halloween Party/Dance / Swiss Embassy
- **Friday, November 18**: Annual General Meeting / Swiss Embassy
- **November**: Grittibenz Baking / tba
- **Sunday December 6th**: 4th Jass Tournament / tba
- **Sunday December 13**: Samichlaus Party / Swiss Embassy

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For more information, visit our website at [www.swissclubdc.org](http://www.swissclubdc.org)

*Most of our events are for members only, however members' friends are welcome*
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2009 Jass Events

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2nd Jass Tournament for 2009

When: Sunday, May 31st
Hosted by: Marlies and Paul Hazan
14528 Chesterfield Road
Rockville, MD 20853
Deadline for registration: May 24, 2009
Registration fee: $5.00 per person

Please contact Senta Speight at: senta.speight@swissclub.org; H: (301) 530-0699  C: (301) 404-4016
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2009

The membership year runs from January to December
Membership is required to attend club events

Renew early and enjoy a full year of club activities!

Please check appropriate box: □ New Member □ Renewal

□ I am a Swiss National or □ Swiss Descendent or □ I am a Friend of Switzerland

If Swiss National or Swiss Descendent, canton of origin: ________________________________

Last name: ____________________________ First: __________________ Date of birth: _____________

Spouse Name: _______________________ Spouse Date of birth: _______________________

List first names of dependent children (under 18) and give year of birth for each:
1. ____________________________________________ 3. _________________________________
2. ____________________________________________ 4. _________________________________

Home address: _________________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________________________ State: ____________ Zip: __________

Home phone: _________________________ Business phone: ___________________________________

E-Mail____________________________________   Occupation:________________________________

Date: __________________________ Signature of applicant: ___________________________________

Do you wish to receive information and our newsletter by e-mail only? YES / NO (circle your answer)

I will be glad to volunteer to help during a Swiss Club event: YES / NO (circle your answer)

I would be glad to help organize a small Swiss Club event: YES / NO (circle your answer)

Printed Membership List Exclusion
For privacy protection, I request that my name, city and phone number are NOT included in
the printed membership list and its future updates.

Last Name:                                                               First Name:
Phone:

Enclosed is my membership check of $______________ for:

$50.00 Family membership (couple and dependent children under 18)

$35.00 Single membership

$ 15.00 Single senior citizen (65+)

$ 15.00 Student or Au Pair

$ 25.00 Senior citizen couple (both 65+)

Please make check payable to Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.
Mail to: Swiss Club of Washington, D.C., 2900 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20008
Unfortunately omitted from the last Postillion, Sammi Klaus’ trip to the Swiss Club’s Annual Christmas party brings back fond memories. One of the Club’s best-attended events, the Christmas Party drew almost one hundred members and guests.

It was a crisp, perfectly wintry afternoon when the Swiss Club opened the doors to welcome its members and their guests to the annual celebration of the winter holiday. The Swiss Bakery catered the event with its usual delicious selection of hand-made, “still warm from the oven” bread. But that was not all – resting on top of the bread, with warm juices slowly seeping into the crust beneath, were perfectly roasted ham shanks, accompanied by coleslaw and side salad. Members enjoyed a truly perfect meal for a cold day. As the plates started emptying, a bell was heard from down the hall. Who could that be? Curious eyes turned towards the door and eager faces watched with anticipation. Suddenly, bursting into the room with holiday cheer, Sammi Klaus appeared!

In long-standing Swiss Club tradition, Sammi Klaus greeted all guest, and in particular, the many eagerly waiting children. He sat down upon a hand-decorated chair next to a 12 foot spruce glittering with ornaments and glass balls. Children then took a moment to present to Sammi Klaus a special poem, song or another holiday sentiment. One young man sang a song in French before the entire hall, a truly remarkable and memorable performance. Others read poems, or spoke of their dreams and wishes for the upcoming year. All children were rewarded with a bag of goodies from The Swiss Bakery, and children and adults left with memories of an evening filled with love and cheer.

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**MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

- **Family** $50
- **Single** $35
- **Student** $15
- **Senior couple** $25
- **Senior Single** $15
Join us at the Swiss Bakery for wine tasting and other events. To receive notice of upcoming events, visit www.theswissbakery.com to sign up for our mailing list.

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Landscape Artists

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The Swiss Club held its annual Easter Egg Hunt and Basket Decorating event on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Swiss Embassy grounds. The Embassy grounds were bathed in a spectacular wash of sunlight, and cherry trees blossomed all about with vigor under a crystal clear blue sky. The event drew approximately thirty people, consistent with last year’s turnout.

Starting at 1:00 pm, almost two dozen children (and it was suspected, several adults) busily turned themselves to decorating woven straw baskets or more modern, plastic Easter buckets with a variety of options, including ribbons, stickers, jewels, butterflies, silk flowers, and this year, several kinds of yellow chicks. The time passed quickly, but not quickly enough, and eager youngsters of all ages were soon ready to search the Embassy grounds for hidden eggs and other treasures. After dutifully standing in line and marching out the double-Embassy doors, the children scoured the grounds and found chocolate bunnies, eggs filled with toys and other goodies. The afternoon provided a wholly enjoyable opportunity to relish in one of the first truly brilliant Spring days in the pleasure of youthful company (and lots of chocolate)!
“Billy Goat Trail” Hike and Barbecue

On Saturday, May 16, we will meet at the parking lot across from the Old Anglers Inn on MacArthur Boulevard in Maryland at 12 noon.

After everyone has arrived we will hike a short piece of the towpath and then pick up the Billy Goat trail, which is about two miles along the river and in stretches offers excellent views from on high, especially in the Mather gorge area. For those who have never hiked the trail this will be an adventure as you get the sense that we are miles away from the city in the wilderness. Although it starts out flat we will encounter some rugged terrain which requires a bit of rock scrambling, therefore, good hiking shoes are recommended. For those seeking less adventurous traveling, you can hike parallel on the towpath and meet the group at the point where we come back out to the tow path, then hike back to the starting point as a group. Total length of the hike is a little less than five miles.

Once we are all back we will go to a picnic place and grill sausages with bread and soft drinks which will be provided.

For information about the event or changes in case of rain, call Paul Amstad: 410-465-5417; paul.amstad@swissclub.org

Price per person $10 - kids under 10 are free.

Send checks payable to the Swiss Club DC (not refundable)
To: Paul Amstad, 3993 High Point Road, Ellicot City MD 21042

Member’s name:______________________________________________
Phone:______________________________________________________
Number of adults over 10:_____________________________________
Number of children:___________________________________________
Childrens' names and ages: ____________________________________