Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members:

It is easy to announce traditional events like the Easter egg hunt at the embassy on Saturday, March 27, 2pm, or the Billy Goat Trail hike on Saturday, May 15, 12-3pm. These events have a number of dedicated, happy participants who always come again and bring others with them, as they know what to expect and look forward to it.

Similarly, when the Swiss Rifles meet March 13 and April 18, 9:30 am at the Thurmont Club (for details click on the dates on the events calendar or call Walter Braendli), we know they shoot. What is less known is that they would welcome anytime Swiss Club members who have an interest in this sport.

With the Fahrt ins Blaue it is more difficult to write an announcement that attracts many participants, as both where we are going and what we are doing are secrets. What is the incentive then, to take part in this surprise event? The organizers allowed me to give away some hints.....It is something exciting for all, family and single members, young and old, and the “Fahrt” part is a sharing activity, where “designated drivers” offer to pick up “grateful passengers” at home to get all to the mystery designation(s) not farther away than 35 miles from the embassy, and safely back home. The “Blaue” part is an indication of these designations which indeed are blue in more than one sense of the word, except we’ll have red carpet VIP reception and treatment there (yes, and great food). When they were testing the places, the organizers were so excited to go there again that they would do the event even with only one more person registered, but there is an upper limit of 40 that the places can accommodate, first come first serve. So rush to the registration form inside this Postillion, if these fuzzy remarks have risen your interest...

See you there!

Christian Haudenschild
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VOLUNTEERS

A club is only as strong as its members so we are always happy to have our members volunteer to make our events successful. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Christian at christian.haudenschild@swissclubdc.org.

Other Swiss Groups...

The Swiss Rifles
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The membership year runs from Jan. to Dec. Membership is required to attend club events

Check: □ New Member □ Renewal □ Swiss National □ Swiss Descendent □ Friend of Switzerland

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

Last name: __________________________ First: ________________ Date of birth: ___________

Spouse Name: _________________________ Spouse Date of birth: _______________________

Dependent children (under 18) and year of birth for each:

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2. ________________________________ 4. ________________________________

Home address: ________________________________

City: __________________________ State: ____________ Zip: __________

Home phone: __________________________ Business phone: __________________________

E-Mail __________________________ Occupation: __________________________

Date: __________________________ Signature of applicant: __________________________

I prefer to receive the Postillion □ in color by email only □ printed B/W by postal mail

I would like to volunteer or help organize a Swiss Club event: □ YES

I would like to be included in the club’s printed membership directory: □ YES □ NO

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+)

Make check payable to Swiss Club of Washington, D.C. Mail to Eric Russi, Swiss Club of Washington, 2100 Washington Ave. Apt 6D, Silver Spring, MD 20910

My favorite club events:

Fondue/Raclette dinner ___ Wine Tasting ___ Walking/hiking ___ Films ___ Fall Festival ___

Cultural Evening ___ Christmas Party ___ Other __________________________ Comments and suggestions:
Join us for an afternoon of fun!
Decorate your own Easter basket and then join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on the Embassy grounds. Snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as all supplies. Decorating starts at 2:00 pm (ET), followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 3:00 pm (ET) promptly!

RSVP by March 21, 2010 to ctobler@comcast.net
(240) 672-6590

What: Swiss Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt
When: March 27, 2010
Where: Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Ave. NW, D.C.
Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Other: Free to members
Non-members: $5.00 per participant
(parents/guardians who are not decorating a basket are free)
"BILLY GOAT TRAIL" HIKE AND BARBECUE

On Saturday, May 15, 2010 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, 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 towpath, 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 drive to the picnic area at Carderock and grilled sausages with bread and soft drinks will be provided. Hike will take place rain or shine.

For information about the event call Paul Amstad: 410-465-5417; paul.amstad@swissclubdc.org

Price per person $10 - children under 10 are free. Send checks payable to the Swiss Club DC (not refundable)
To: Paul Amstad, 3993 High Point Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Member’s name: ________________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________ # of people over 10: _____________ # of children: ____________
Children’s’ names and ages: _____________________________________________

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Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 2pm

The “Fahrt ins Blaue” features not only an adventurous tour to a great attraction, but also a gene treatment which includes Swiss-style “z’Vieri” (snacks). Please register early, space is limited to participants. The event ends at about 6pm.

Designated Drivers, please be aware that our destination is some 35 miles away from the Swiss embassy some driving time to pick up passengers and to get to the destination. Parking fees will be $15 per vehicle, b reimbursed for drivers carrying additional passengers.

Prices: Swiss Club Members: Adults: $20, Children (aged 6-16): $10 Guests: Adults: $30, Children: $20
(Please make checks payable to “Swiss Club DC”)

Registration Deadline: Saturday, April 10, 2010 Send registration return form and check to:
⇒ Adrian Ineichen, 4800 2nd St N, Arlington, VA 22203; 202-550-1466 (cell), adrian.i@gmx.ch
Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ (required for organizational matters)
Adults: _________ Children: _________
☐ Designated driver: I bring a vehicle and ___ participants, and I am willing to pick up ____ additional passengers.
☐ Passenger: I need a ride for a total of ___ participants (including myself).

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