Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.
September 2018 Postillion by Lynn Zipf

President's message

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

I would like to thank all the members of the Board and volunteers who helped make this year's Swiss National Day celebration such a success! The weather cooperated beautifully and over 700 people attended. There was plenty of entertainment, food and drinks to go around.

Upcoming events are the Fall Picnic with the Swiss Rifles on September 16 and the General Assembly on October 26. For both events see below for more details. Please also note that the Raclette evening will be in November hosted by the Swiss Club. The Swiss Benevolent Society will conduct an auction of many donations including knives from Victorinox, chocolates, Ricola, etc during the Raclette evening.

Best wishes,

Martin Perret-Gentil

SND Memories

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Fall Picnic with the Swiss Rifles

**Sunday, September 16th**
We invite you to our Fall Picnic with the Swiss Rifles in Thurmont, MD for food, fun, and festivities. We will have a BBQ, shooting lessons (beginners welcome), and a shooting contest.

**From 11am to 3pm ~ rain or shine**
11am - 2pm ~ Shooting Activities
12pm - 1pm ~ BBQ Lunch

Bring your own lawn chairs, rain gear, mosquito spray, and sunscreen!

**Admission Includes**
BBQ lunch, coffee, soda, water & dessert

**Ticket prices:**
Member Adult $10
Guest Adult $15
Member Child (4 to 12) $5
Guest Child (4 to 12) $10

REGISTER NOW!!

**Shooting**
We will have a shooting contest with prizes! Swiss rifle (Karabiner 31) with electronic scoring, 300 yard range. Small caliber shooting (children and teens ages 8 to 18), 50 yard range. Rules will be explained by Swiss Rifles members to small groups before they go to the range. Shooting only with instruction and supervision by expert Swiss Rifles members. Wear regular outdoor clothing. The shooters stand or sit on wooden chairs, please bring your own sun glasses or goggles along. Ear plugs will be provided.

Please note: Children need to be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times, at picnic area, playgrounds and shooting ranges. Ear protection must be worn before approaching shooting ranges.

Ammunition cost is $6 for 10 rifle shots.

Do you want to join the Swiss Rifles? Ask for registration forms at the entrance.

If you have any questions about the Fall Picnic, please contact Janine Ali at janine.ali@swissclubdc.org or call her at 703-899-8667.

**Jass**

**Sunday, September 30, at 1:30 pm**

**Where:** Backus Residence
10601 Oaklyn Drive Rockville, MD 20854

Please register with Peter Burlimann by sending an email to peter.burlimann@swissclubdc.org

**Cost:** The cost is $5.00 and payable at the time of arrival in the host's home

**Deadline to register:** Thursday, September 27, 2018

We look forward to playing with you!
You can find the rules on our [website](#)
Save the Date - Swiss Club General Assembly

Friday, October 26 at 6 pm

The Board of the Swiss Club of Washington DC cordially invites you to attend its annual General Assembly.

We appreciate your participation, input, ideas and suggestions!

**Where:** Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave., N.W. Washington, DC

**Time:**
- 6:00pm meeting starts
- 7:00pm potluck dinner

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck dinner (can be a salad, appetizer, entree, dessert, some bread) - we'll provide the drinks.

Remember, the Club benefits from an active and engaged membership, and its board is always open to new ideas from its members.

Swiss Club Events for 2018

- September 16: Fall Picnic with the Swiss Rifles in Thurmont, MD
- September 30: Jass
- October: Swiss Club General Assembly
- November 10: Raclette Evening at the Swiss Embassy
- December 2: Grittibänz at the Swiss Bakery
- December 9: Samichlaus Party at the Swiss Embassy

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