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Executive Committee 2005

From left to right: Evaldo Roos, 2nd VPresident; Alberto Piffaretti, 1stVPresident; Susann Kollmar, Program Coordinator; Pierre-Alain Girardin, Publicity; Rosmarie Stucki, Secretary; Michel Maechler, President; Elizabeth Wilson, Treasurer

Message from the Board

Dear Fellow Members

The year 2005 has already started; the last event of 2004 was a huge success. We had over 70 Swiss Club members who shared Christmas with their children and family. Due to circumstances beyond our control (lack of responses), we had to cancel the Ski Weekend in Wintergreen. Fortunately, we were able to transfer the deposit to 2006. Hopefully, by then a lot of people will be planning to come. The 2006 Ski weekend will be announced a little earlier, but as always, it will take place over the Martin Luther King weekend. So please mark your calendars now! We would like this opportunity to thank Christina Leveque for all her efforts surrounding the Ski weekend and hopefully we can look forward to a successful Ski weekend in 2006.

In the meantime, take a look at this year's program. There is something for everyone! Our 1st event is the Fondue & Raclette at the Swiss Embassy followed by the first Jass tournament. More events may be added to this first draft of the program, however, stay tuned to our website and the Postillion and we look forward to seeing many of you attend future events.

Yours truly
The Executive Committee

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For more information, visit our website at www.swissclubdc.org

Most of our events are for members, however members' friends are welcome

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If you are interested in advertising in the Postillion, which comes out 4 to 5 times a year, call Rosmarie Stucki at 703-371-5112 for details.

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- \$ 50 for double business card size
- \$100 for half a page
- \$150 for full page

website links are included in the price at (www.swissclubdc.org)

File must be sent to the Publicity officer. Only JPEG file will be accepted.

Help Wanted ...

As you can see, the Postillion has changed its look! The Board has decided to make it a little more interesting for the members. We think that having some stories about the past events and include them in the Postillion will increase the enjoyment of reading it.

Therefore, we are looking for people who would be willing to write a little statement about an event that they attend.

If you are interested in helping the Board, please do not hesitate to contact anyone from the board when you attend an event and to make us aware of your willingness. The members, the readers, and the board will really appreciate your contribution. Thank you in advance.



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AGENDA 2005

February 12 @ 7pm	Fondue & Raclette Evening Embassy of Switzerland
March 6	1st Jass
March 27	Easter Brunch
May 8	Mother's day brunch
June	2 nd Jass
July	1 st of August Celebration
September	3rd Jass
October	Fahrt ins Blaue
October	81 st annual membership meeting @ Embassy of Switzerland
December	4th Jass
December	Annual Christmas Party @ Embassy of Switzerland

More events may be added to this first draft!



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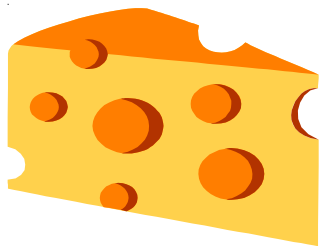


Fondue & Raclette evening



*February 12, at 7:00 p.m.
Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Ave NW Washington D.C*

Come and join us to our traditional fondue and raclette evening. bring your caquelon, burner, forks, along with your enthusiasm !!



Fees for the evening:

Members: \$ 15.00
Kids (6-12) \$ 5.00
Non-Members \$ 25.00

Volunteers are needed for this event, if you are willing to help the Board set up the tables, clean-up the room, etc please fill out the form below. Thank you for your support!

Please register by **February 7, 2005**. fill out the following form and send it along with your check to Susann Kollmar, 5423 McKinley Street, Bethesda. MD 20817. for more information please e-mail to Susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org or phone to 301-571-0977

Registration deadline is February 7, 2005

Name: _____ Are you a member? Yes No

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I agree to help during this event: Yes

Number of adults members: _____ Number of children (6-12): _____

Number of adults non-members: _____ Number of children younger than 6: _____

Enclosed a check with the amount of \$ _____

Send registration form with check to Susann Kollmar, 5423 McKinley St. Bethesda MD 20817



Next Event ...



Jass Tournament

*March 6th, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.
Wittwer's residence
6400 Highland Drive, Chevy Chase.*

Message from the "Jass board"

Dear Jasser and dear Swiss Club members!

Happy New Year and a happy year indeed it is, because the **first Jass tournament** is already scheduled.

Maya Wittwer will host our first tournament, which will take place at the Wittwer residence, 6400 Highland Drive in Chevy Chase, **March 6th 2005 @ 1.30 PM.**

Deadline for registration: March 1st !

Registration fee \$ 5.


If you want to join the game please register with Susann Kollmar (301) 571 0977 or susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org, by March 1st, 2005.

For this year we are planing again a total of 4 Jass tournaments, and we are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** who will host one of the next Jass tournaments which are traditionally held on Sundays. After the March 5th event, the next dates will be in June, September and the final game for the championship in December.

Would you enjoy to host one of these events? Please let me know:

Susann (Program Coordinator) @ 301 571 0977.

Thank you in advance for willing to host one of these events!



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Christmas Party 2004

Samiclaus calledand 80 adults and 40 kids came to celebrate this event at the Swiss embassy.

When people entered the embassy, they had the chance to stock up for Christmas, because “Swiss Traditions” and the “Swiss Bakery” where there and presented a small but fine Christmas market. Many people had a Gluehwein while shopping and the atmosphere was pretty “weihnachtlich” !



In the event room, everything was nicely decorated. A huge Christmas tree gave the room a warm cozy atmosphere and the tables were full with nuts, tangerines, plenty of chocolates, cookies and other goodies.

Out of the kitchen came a wonderful smell and the dinner tasted fabulous. Sergio Müller and Armin Tobler cooked a delicious Christmas meal with roast beef, potato gratin and green beans. Afterwards we sang Christmas carols. Suddenly it started snowing and the kids were absolutely afraid Santa would not find his way through the snow.....

But nevertheless our Swiss Santa made it, came into the room, and enchanted everybody. The kids were patiently waiting for Santas speech and their goody bags.

- Samiclaus: Thank you so much !!!

Before going home we had a nice dessert buffet, catered by Reto and Laurie. Oh, did I love the Vermicelle Torte!

Susann



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Past Event ...

Twenty-four members attended the 4th Jass tournament which was held at Helen and Tom's house in Potomac.

After a warm welcoming from our hosts and a quick set up of the tables, we were able to start the games. After a few breaks with wine, beer, punch, appetizers, and sweets, a few changes in partners, tables and luck with the cards, we finished the tournament around 5 PM. Armin soon announced the winner of this fourth round: Dick Backus with 2219 points, followed by our host Helen Cooper with 2193 points and third Erna Steiner with 2174 points.

To determine the Jass winner of the year, only the two best results were taking into account to make the final ranking. After elaborated calculations by Pierre-Alain and his laptop, the name of the King / Queen of the 2004 Jass tournament was revealed. Rosemarie Suitor won the tournament with 4155 points. She was followed by Martin Von Arx with 4134 points and third Dick Backus with 4116 points. Congratulations to all the winners!

We finished this very pleasant afternoon with a wonderful Indian dinner ... simply delicious! Thank you so much Helen and Tom for your kind and warm hospitality. Thank you also to all the players for making the Jass events so pleasant and so fun.

Sylvie

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The members of the board would like also to thank all the Jass hosts for 2004, Elsbeth, and Dick Backus, Imelda and Martin Von Arx, the Swiss Embassy, and Helen and Tom Cooper. If the Jass has so much success, it is because of your gentleness, and thoughtfulness as well as the delicious food and sweets you offered during the Jass parties. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

As you are aware, it is always a pleasure to be invited by club members to play Jass, and we are sure

Fourth Jass 2004

Winner of the day:
Dick; Helen; and Erna
Courtesy of Elsbeth Backus

that everyone enjoys playing at someone's house. However, we would be pleased to have more people, especially Jass players, who would be willing to host



the Jass tournament. Therefore, if you would like to volunteer to host the tournament for one afternoon, please contact Susann Kollmar at 301-571-0977 or e-mail her at Susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org

We would be glad to receive your offer by the end of January in order to put together the program for 2005. Thank you for your kind consideration and we hope to see you this year.



Winner of the year and our Hosts from left to right: Dick Backus 3rd; Tom Cooper; Rosmarie Suitor 1st; Helen Cooper; and Martin Von Arx 2nd. Courtesy of Elsbeth Backus

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$..... for the 2005 membership.

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Children's year of birth: _____

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