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*Billy Goat Trail 2006*



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## Message from the Swiss Ambassador to the U.S.



Dear Friends of the Swiss Club:

It is a great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Ambassador of Switzerland to the United States. After having served as Swiss Ambassador to Canada until 2003, I am delighted to be back on the continent.

I was always impressed by the rich heritage Swiss immigrants brought to North America, and the multitude of Swiss clubs, associations and individuals who cultivate this heritage. All these groups make an important contribution to the mutual understanding of the culture and the people of our two nations. It is with great pride that I applaud all those who are active in this important field of promoting and celebrating Swiss-American heritage.

This year Swiss-American heritage is getting an additional boost thanks to the "Swiss Roots" project. I encourage all of you to learn more about this nationwide project by visiting the online platform at [www.swissroots.org](http://www.swissroots.org) and participating in this unique initiative. As Ambassador to the United States, I plan to travel, meet and exchange ideas with as many Swiss and U.S. citizens as possible by visiting businesses, associations and communities. I am hoping to meet all of you in the very near future.

Due to a prior engagement related to the Swiss Roots project, I regret not to be able to take part in this year's National Day celebration. I wish all of you a good time as you celebrate our nations 715<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Sincerely,

Urs Ziswiler

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

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

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## Other Swiss Groups ...

**Die Stauffacherin**  
(Swiss ladies group)  
Susanne Adams  
703-836-8247

**The Swiss Rifles**  
Alfred Kessi  
302-292-2901

**Folklore Group**  
Erwin Buerlimann  
703-548-6349

**Swiss Benevolent Society**  
Campbell Graeb  
301-652-2007

## AGENDA 2006

<b>July 29</b>	Swiss National Day Celebration
<b>September 10</b>	3rd Jass Tournament
<b>September 17</b>	Schuetzenfest
<b>October</b>	Fall Festival
<b>November 3</b>	84th anual Membership Meeting
<b>December 10</b>	4th Jass Tournament
<b>December 17</b>	Christmas Party
<b>February</b>	Ski Weekend Wintergreen

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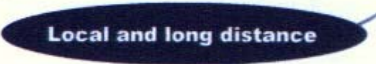
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# Swiss National Day

Join us this year at

Thurmont Conservation & Sportsman's Club,

11617 Hunt Club Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788

This year there is a swimming pool at our disposal.

So don't forget to pack your swimming suits!

Date: Saturday, **July 29, 2006** - Doors open at 2pm until dusk

**NO RAIN DATE** (WHEN IN DOUBT CALL 703-481-5810)

Swiss Music – Entertainment - Lampion parade / bonfire - Raffle / Tombola

Sodas – Wine – Beer Garden - Swiss Bakery - Souvenirs

**FREE PARKING**

**Entrance fees (non-refundable)**

fees include: sausage, bread, salad; all children up to the age of 16 get 1 lampion

**PRE-REGISTRATION**(deadline: July 10, 2005)

**Adults: \$15 / Children (5-16): \$10 , 4 > free; non-members : \$20 / \$15**

Be in time with your registration and you will get a dessert coupon for the Swiss bakery!

**AFTER DEADLINE and AT THE GATE**

**No dessert coupon !**

**Adults: \$20 / Children (5-16): \$15; non-members: \$25/ \$20**

Dress is casual, but there is a surprise for those who wear their own Swiss costume/Tracht. Please bring your own lawn chairs. *We encourage you to bring your beach umbrellas and sun screen, as there is limited shade!* When darkness sets in the bonfire will be lit and we will gather for the lampion parade.

As always: **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Volunteers..., **FREIWILLIGE !!!** We need **YOU !!!!**  
(Tombola/Raffle ticket sale, grills, soda and beer bar, games)

To be able to organize properly, please call Liz Wilson at: daytime: 202-745-7939 evenings: 703-481-5810  
(free entrance with 4 hour commitment)



## NEXT EVENTS ...

# Swiss National Day

### Directions to Thurmont Club:

#### From Washington, DC:

take I-270 to Frederick.

#### From Baltimore:

take I-70 to Frederick.

#### From Leesburg, VA:

take I-15 to Frederick

- In Frederick, at Junction I-270, I-70 and Rt. 15,
- follow Rt. 15 N towards Gettysburg for approx. 9.0 miles
- At Mile marker 19.5 turn right onto Old Frederick Rd. (going North)
- Go 4.1 Miles on Old Frederick Rd. and turn right onto Hunt Club Rd.
- After 0.3 Miles, at T-Junction (Lucey Rd.) turn right
- After 0.5 Miles enter Gate and Club grounds

**We need volunteers!!!!!!**

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE !!**

Should you need a ride or have room in your car for a fellow member, please contact Liz Wilson or Susann Kollmar and we will try to organize a car pool.

For more information call Susann at 301-571-0977

Name and Address: .....

Phone number: ..... Email: .....

No. of Adults: ..... No. of children: under 6: ..... 6-16: .....

Name of EACH guest including children and ages: .....



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**Contribution to the Swiss Benevolent Society:**

Total amount: \$.....

**(Please make check payable to Swiss Club of Washington D.C.) Send check , no credit card excepted, (non refundable) and registration to: Susann Kollmar, 5423 Mc Kinley Street, Bethesda MD 20817 !! Send a self addressed and stamped envelope with your payments and we will mail your tickets ....!!**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!**



## Fundraiser for the Swiss Benevolent Society

**R**aclette Dinner: On February 25 one hundred twenty people attended the 2006 Raclette Dinner and Auction at the Conference Center of the Swiss Embassy. The fund-raiser was sponsored and organized by the Swiss Rifles, Alfred Kessi, President, for the benefit of the Swiss Benevolent Society. Stefano Ghielmetti headed the Organizing Committee, aided by the Swiss Club and numerous volunteers, and was the evening's m.c. There was a genuinely congenial atmosphere among all the attendees, as eager bidders hovered around their desired items to buy. It was especially enjoyable to get to know Swiss Rifle members who normally do not attend other Swiss Club meetings. It is a jolly group.

Over fifty auction items were put up for sale, ranging from an elegant catered dinner for six, to cow bells, ski instruction with lift tickets, tickets to local theaters, baskets of gourmet foods, paintings and other choice items, all donated by generous individuals and firms. The biggest donation of the evening was a \$600 catered dinner at your own home, contributed by Marcel Wenker of Big Pool, MD. It was auctioned off live and went to Albert Uster. The net proceeds were \$6,900 which will be added to the funds available for scholarships. A heartfelt thanks to all the donors, enthusiastic bidders and participants.

Delicious Raclette cheese and wonderful Swiss wine, compliments of Martin von Arx, Consular at the Embassy, was enjoyed by all. There was a beautiful selection of pastry

provided by Reto and Laurie Weber of the Swiss Bakery in Burke, who were also major donors to the silent auction.

Farewell to Ambassador Blickenstorfer and Mrs. Blickenstorfer

The Raclette Dinner provided a wonderful setting to say good bye to Ambassador and Mrs. Blickenstorfer as they leave Washington to assume a new assignment at the Swiss Embassy in Berlin. Representatives of the four Swiss organizations in the Washington area presented the Blickenstorfers with an antique print of the US Capitol as a remembrance of the years they spent here. They will be missed. The Swiss Community of Washington wishes them well, and wants to express our sincerest appreciation for the support that it continues to receive from the Embassy and its staff.

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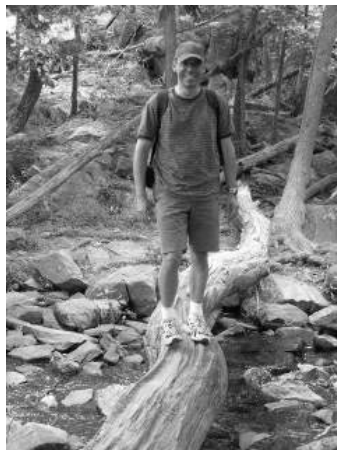
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# PAST EVENTS ...

## Billy Goat Trail

On June 4, 2006 a splendid sunny Sunday, 26 Swiss Club members gathered at the parking lot opposite the Anglers Inn on MacArthur Blvd to take the challenging and exciting Billy Goat Trail hike. It was good to see a mix of very young to older hikers joining the event. Although most of the group had hiked this trail before, this hike is never disappointing as we saw snakes, tadpoles in the small pools among the rocks, a variety of turtles and water birds along the route, rock climbers on the Virginia side cliffs and white water kayakers on the Potomac in the gorge below the trail. The return trip was on the more sedate towpath of the historic C&O canal. The



weather was absolutely wonderful with ideal temperatures for hiking. Everyone completed the hike and thankfully no one twisted an ankle or broke any limbs. After we completed the trail, we caravanned to Albert Uster's house in Potomac where a few more Club members joined us for an après-hike Bratwurst grilling, with bread and strudel from the Swiss Bakery. Special thanks goes to Susann Kollmar



for helping me organize the event and keeping members informed, and Evaldo Roos for hauling all the supplies, and of course to Albert Uster for generously offering his beautiful house and garden to serve

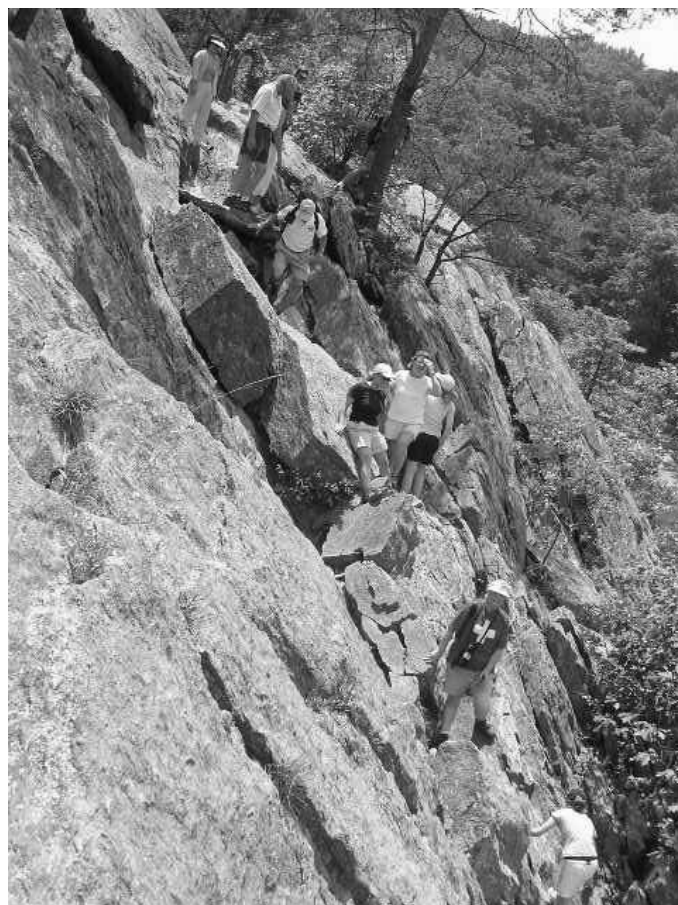
as our Gartenwirtschaft and his donation of cookies and chocolates.

Uli Bögli

In the name of the Swiss Club!

Dear Uli, many thanks to you for organizing this wonderful day. We all had a great time!

Susann Kollmar




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### Board member positions becoming available.

**1st VICE PRESIDENT** : position will become available at the end of the year.

**TREASURER**: The position of Treasurer is available immediately as Elizabeth Wilson is taking over the position of Publicity & Webmaster

**SECRETARY**: position will become available at the end of the year. Rosmarie Stucki will of course continue to serve as a loyal helping hand to the Swiss Club.

**Please consider participating at your Swiss Club in serving as a Board member. This consists of meeting about 8 times a year and having lots fun !**

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## How about an event from the Francophones?

Your Swiss Club would like to present an event organized by the Francophones in order to make the French speaking cantons better known. How about you, the members of Geneve, Vaud, Neuchatel, Jura, Fribourg and Valais, would you like to help present an event?

Let's hear about your good ideas and willingness to organize "un événement romand". It could be an event telling about a canton, a special festivity, food, traditions etc. Please contact Rosmarie Stucki, your secretary of the Swiss Club at 202 572 8219.

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## New members

Christian Dall' Acqua and Family

from Martinsburg, WV

Peter & Astrid Hinderling Family

from Bethesda, MD

Helen Moran-Jensen from Rockville, MD

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# 3rd Jass Tournament

**Sunday, September 10th, 2006 at 1:30pm**

HOSTED BY:

Rosmarie Suitor

14418 Myer Terrace

Rockville, MD

Tel. 301 460-5904

**Deadline for registration: September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Registration fee: \$5.00 per person**

Register by contacting Marlies Hazan 301 603-0536 or [pmhazan@comcast.net](mailto:pmhazan@comcast.net)

PLEASE note: Space will have to be limited to four tables. (First come – first served!)

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