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Billy Goat Trail, Photograph courtesy of Adrian Wiestner

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## AGENDA 2008

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<b>TBA</b>	Swiss Traditional Evening

## Message from the President

Dear Members of the Swiss Club,

For some page 3 may be the most important page in this Postillion – please use this occasion to make sure you renewed your membership or you pass it on to a friend who always wanted to join you for events organized by the Club. And a big event indeed is approaching fast – the National Day on August 2<sup>nd</sup> - mark the date!

You'll find a number of pictures from two memorable days: the Easter egg hunt and the hike on the Billy Goat Trail. I think it is easy to see that across all age groups people had a lot of fun! I would like to thank all those who made it possible and in particular thank Albert Uster for opening his house and beautiful grounds to all the "Goats" who made it there. Hope to see you at the National Day!

Adrian Wiestner

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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Mail to: Swiss Club of Washington, D.C., 2900 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20008

FOR SWISSCLUB ONLY: Amount of dues & date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted as a member by the Executive Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_

Added to membership list: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



## Swiss Benevolent Society Announces 2008 Scholarship Program

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Washington D.C. has announced its' 2008 Scholarship Program. Awards may be made in an amount of up to \$2000 each. Assistance to qualified applicants will be given to obtain a post high school education in any field of endeavor, for any formal educational instruction, including vocational school, at any domestic or foreign institution. Applicants must be Swiss Nationals, or be of proven Swiss descent, with a least one grandparent of Swiss nationality. Applicants must be legal residents of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area or the Swiss settlement of Helvetia, West Virginia for at least one year prior to the start of classes. Proof of residency is required. High emphasis will be placed on financial need of scholastically qualified individuals.

Applications may be obtained by sending request to the Swiss Benevolent Society, c/o Cassandra Egloff Wait, P. O. Box 1127, Huntingtown, MD 20639, or to Cassandra.Wait@comcast.net. Completed applications, with all supporting material, must be submitted by July 1, 2008.

The Swiss Benevolent Society was founded in 1865 as a charitable organization to help Swiss or descendents of Swiss living in the Washington, DC area who are in need of assistance. In addition to annually awarding scholarships, help is extended to Swiss who are ill or need assistance. If you know of someone who is in need of help, we ask that you contact Society at the address below or call Campbell Graeub at 301-652-2007.

The Society is no longer a membership organization that collects annual dues. It depends, therefore, entirely on donations and the income from its nominal reserve fund. Your financial support is respectfully requested. Contributions are tax deductible. If you would like to make a contribution to the Society's Charitable and Scholarship Programs, please complete the contribution form below. The Society wishes to express sincere appreciation to local Swiss for their past support; a special thank you to those members of the local Swiss community who make annual contributions. Without your support, the Society's work would not be possible.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## 1st 2008 Jass Tournament

The 1st Jass event was held on March 9th and was hosted by Reto & Laurie Weber at their new store “The Swiss Bakery” at the Ravensworth Shopping Center in Springfield, VA.

I am certain all Jassers (20 of us including the host) would agree with me that it was quite a treat. After getting a detailed tour of the facility including the bakery and description of the state of the art equipment, we played our usual three games of Jass and had a great time.

We also had the chance to shop and buy products we can't usually find everywhere.

Personally I felt like I was in Switzerland with all the Swiss and European products around me. I grew up in a grocery store and being there felt a lot like home and almost made me homesick.

After the Jass we were offered Cheese, Bündnerfleisch, Salami, Cookies and different kinds of pastries and cakes. I know it was dinner for all of us, since it was late in the afternoon. Everything was absolutely exquisite and delicious.

On behalf of all the Jassers thank you very much again to Reto and family.


The winners for the March 1st Jass were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Flory / 2<sup>nd</sup> - Elsbeth Backus / 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jurg Eichelberger

*If there is interest we may in the future plan a refresher course for Jassers who haven't played in a while and would like to start again. Contact me to let me know you are interested.*

Senta Speight  
 Jass Coordinator  
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### 2008 Jass Calendar

June 8 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jass Tournament
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jass Tournament
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Jass Tournament



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# PAST EVENTS ...

## Easter Egg Hunt



It was a great day for the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 22, 2008. Children of all ages gathered to decorate baskets and participate in an egg hunt on the Embassy grounds. The clouds looked ominous in the morning, but the weather held and during the egg hunt itself, the sun shined warmly on smiling children and scrambling parents.



The afternoon started at 1:00 pm with refreshments available for all. Children could choose between decorating a straw basket or plastic pail. Adornments included silk flowers, stickers of all shapes and sizes, and various other Easter paraphernalia. To while away some of the time before the egg hunt itself, board members Christian Haudenschild (on the piano), Claudia Tobler and Liz Wilson (both trying to sing) started regaling the crowd with Swiss children's songs. But that only served to contain the growing



excitement of the young crowd for a short while – soon enough, they burst through the doors and onto the Embassy grounds, spotting with quick eyes and even quicker hands the over 250 plastic candy-filled eggs the Easter Bunny (also known as board member Eric Russi) had so diligently hid earlier that day. Even chocolate bunnies were to be found. The day ended with candy, chocolate and smiles for all.

Claudia Tobler



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## Billy Goat Trail and BBQ at Albert's on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2008

The weather forecast was mixed but the sun was shining, when 44 Swiss Club members gathered at the parking lot opposite the "Old Angler's Inn" on Mc Arthur's Blvd to take the challenging and exiting Billy Goat Trail. Although most of the group had hiked this trail before, this hike is never disappointing and always different. "Nature pure" just outside of DC!

We split into two groups: the hikers did the trail and the walkers went on the more sedate towpath of the historic C & O Channel and so everybody found his or her own challenge. The kids, and especially 4 year old Maya, our "mini-goat", jumped from rock to rock like nothing while other hikers reached the end of their capacity. - That's the Billy Goat Trail! We even at one point had to take off our shoes, because after the rain from the days before one of the creeks we had to cross was still higher than usual. Everybody had fun.

After we completed the trail we took the short ride to Albert Uster's house. Albert had already fired up his BBQ and the first sausages were ready to eat.

On the menu: Sausage, bread and "Apfelstrudel" from the Swiss Bakery and a wonderful fruit salad made by our host... and the sun was still shining! Everybody had a great day.

Our special thanks goes to Albert Uster for generously offering his beautiful patio and garden to provide a very elegant BBQ setting and shelter.

And he said: See you next year!?!

Submitted by Susann Kollmar



# UEFA EURO 2008™ – European Soccer Championship

June 7-29, 2008



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## Calling all soccer fans!

This summer Switzerland and Austria will be co-hosting the UEFA EURO 2008™ - European Soccer Championship. The kick-off event for three weeks of soccer-induced exhilaration and excitement will be the opening game at the St. Jakob Stadium in Basel, Switzerland. 8 billion viewers are expected to follow the various matches on TV and more than 1 million will watch it live. The Swiss cities of Basel, Bern, Geneva and Zurich will be the venues for 15 games.



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## You are invited to get in on the action!

The Swiss Embassy with the support of Presence Switzerland, the Swiss Club of Washington D.C., the Austrian Embassy and D.C. Stoddert invite you to share some “soccer emotions” through a series of three events in Washington, D.C. All events are timed to coincide with the UEFA EURO 2008™.

## Event Schedule in Washington D.C.

### Saturday, June 7, 2008

Location: Embassy of Switzerland

09:00 a.m. – Kids soccer tournament at the Maret School, organized by D.C. Stoddert

12:00 p.m. – Public viewing of the opening game “Switzerland vs. Czech Republic”

Please RSVP by either calling (202) 745-7978 or sending an email to [was.events@eda.admin.ch](mailto:was.events@eda.admin.ch).

### Sunday, June 15, 2008

Location: Embassy of Switzerland

02:30 p.m. – Public viewing of the game “Switzerland vs. Portugal”

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### Sunday, June 29, 2008

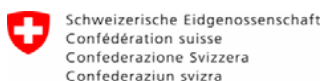
Location: Austrian Embassy

02:30 p.m. – Public viewing of final game

To RSVP for this event please visit [www.austria.org](http://www.austria.org).

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## PARTNERS



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# FUTURE EVENTS ...



## 2nd 2008 Jass Tournament



**WHEN:** Sunday, June 8th - 1.30pm

**HOSTED BY:** Elsbeth & Dick Backus  
10601 Oaklyn Drive  
Potomac, MD 20854

**Directions:** [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

**Deadline for registration:** June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

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

**Please contact Senta Speight at** (301) 530-0699 (H)  
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## NEXT EVENTS ...

SAVE THE DATE

# August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008

## Swiss National Day Celebration at the Embassy of Switzerland

Doors will open at 3pm

### Enjoy

Swiss Music – Entertainment – Raffle & Tombola,  
Lampion parade & Bonfire

### Participate

Do you do "Swiss" – Yodel, Fahenschwingen, Dance, Stone  
throwing, etc. ???

Would you like to perform or get involved in the program?

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with various tasks !!!**

Please contact:

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Liz Wilson: [elizabeth.wilson@swissclubdc.org](mailto:elizabeth.wilson@swissclubdc.org), 703-481-5810

A flyer with the registration information will be  
mailed in June.



## EVENT REMINDER MAILINGS

From the desk of the Publicity Officer

Around March 21, 2008 I was made aware that there was a malfunction of the mailing server at our Swiss Club website hosting facility, which prompted a number of unsolicited and strange emails to many members' mailboxes.

The swissnews list is used by the board of the Swiss Club to send event reminders to the email addresses gathered when members register or renew their memberships. Only the board of the Swiss Club has access to those email addresses. There is no other way this list is used, but for important reminders, which many members have welcomed in the past.

On March 24, 2008 I sent an explanation by email explaining the problem and apologizing for the malfunction.

In the meantime our hosting company has upgraded their software and the problem has been solved.

On April 13, 2008 a new attempt was made to send out a reminder for the Billy Goat Trail Event. The list worked just as it should and sent out an email to all the members of which we have email addresses on file.

Due to the bad taste the first problem left with one of our members, this member proceeded to respond to the list address instead of using the reply button on the email. The list server then, as it should, sends an email to all the "list members". The list accepts emails from any member listed on it.

This email response was received by all members on that list. As some of our club members are not used to lists by email, they proceeded to respond to that email, which was also sent to the entire list. This caused a flurry of approximately 20-30 emails to the entire member list. After realizing the problem I decided to stop the circle by deleting the list from the server.

Unfortunately this incident caused many members to think that the problem is with the list and that the Swiss Club is sending out a virus or even spam. This prompted many to email me asking to be removed from the list. Some of the requests and emails were rather harsh, but I understand the frustration.

Unfortunately computers do malfunction from time to time and it is when problems like these arise, when we see the flaws.

This list has been in use for 2 to 3 years now and has never failed, but the board understands the need to find a better method to communicate with our Swiss Club Members.

Until the board finds another solution, we will not send email reminders.

Thank you for your understanding.

Liz Wilson



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