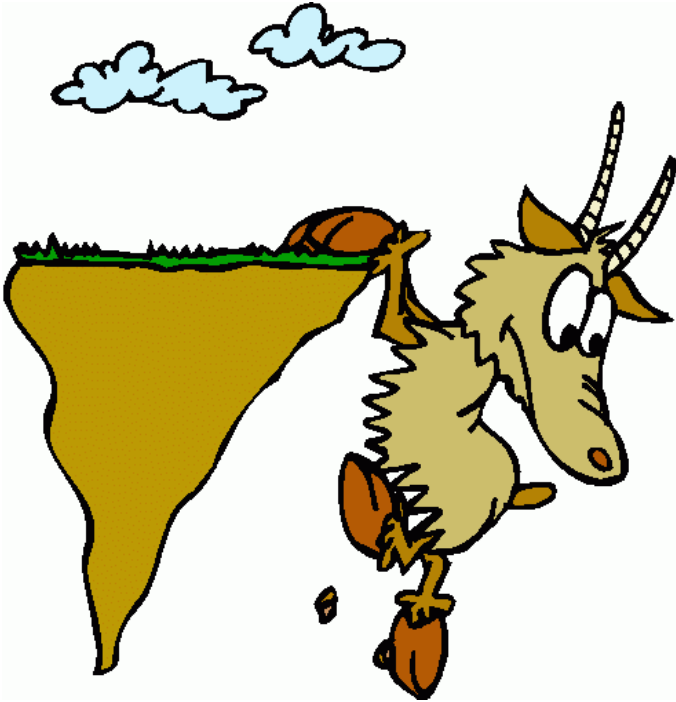




AGENDA 2009

ALL EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Saturday, May 16	Billy Goat Trail / Carderock
Sunday May 31	2 nd Jass Tournament
June/July tba	Swiss Breakfast / tba
Saturday, August 1	Swiss National Day / Swiss Embassy
Early September	Fahrt ins Blaue
Sunday, September 6	3 rd Jass Tournament / tba
Early October	Fall Festival Picnic, pumpkin carving
Friday, October 24	Halloween Party/Dance / Swiss Embassy
Friday, November 18	Annual General Meeting / Swiss Embassy
November	Grittibenz Baking / tba
Sunday December 6th	4 th Jass Tournament / tba
Sunday December 13	Samichlaus Party / Swiss Embassy



Message from the President

Dear Members of the Swiss Club:

Everything is renewed in spring, including this edition of the Postillion with a new editor, Stef Kvamme, a new printer, and even a new color and (better) quality paper. At the well attended Easter egg hunt at the embassy, beautifully organized by Claudia and her helpers, the weather was so warm that some of the 'not so well hidden' chocolate bunnies actually melted in the early spring sun! Now we have the urge to go outdoors, and there is no better way to enjoy the weather than on a hike on the Billy Goat Trail on Saturday, May 16, in the delightful company of your friends from the Swiss Club. We'll go rain or shine; as always, there will be easy paths along the canal road, and somewhat more challenging ones on the trail, and if you come only for the picnic, that's ok, too.

I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Christian Haudenschild

For more information, visit our website at www.swissclubdc.org
Most of our events are for members only, however members' friends are welcome

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2009 Jass Events

September 6	3 rd Jass Tournament
December 6	4 th Jass Tournament

2nd Jass Tournament for 2009

When: Sunday, May 31st 1:30 pm

Hosted by: Marlies and Paul Hazan
 14528 Chesterfield Road
 Rockville, MD 20853

Deadline for registration: May 24, 2009
Registration fee: \$5.00 per person

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INSIDE THE CLUB ...



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If Swiss National or Swiss Descendent, canton of origin: _____

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I will be glad to volunteer to help during a Swiss Club event: YES / NO (circle your answer)

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PAST EVENTS ...

Sammi Klaus Remembers His Visit During the Christmas Party...



Unfortunately omitted from the last Postillion, Sammi Klaus' trip to the Swiss Club's Annual Christmas party brings back fond memories. One of the Club's best-attended events, the Christmas Party drew almost one hundred members and guests.

It was a crisp, perfectly wintry afternoon when the Swiss Club opened the doors to welcome its members and their guests to the annual celebration of the winter holiday. The Swiss Bakery catered the event with its usual delicious selection of hand-made, "still warm from the oven" bread. But that was not all – resting on top of the bread, with warm juices slowly seeping into the crust beneath, were perfectly roasted ham shanks, accompanied by coleslaw and side salad. Members enjoyed a truly perfect meal for a cold day. As the plates started emptying, a bell

was heard from down the hall. Who could that be? Curious eyes turned towards the door and eager faces watched with anticipation. Suddenly, bursting into the room with holiday cheer, Sammi Klaus appeared! In long-standing Swiss Club tradition, Sammi Klaus greeted all guest, and in particular, the many eagerly waiting children. He sat down upon a hand-decorated chair next to a 12 foot spruce glittering with ornaments and glass balls. Children then took a moment to present to Sammi Klaus a special poem, song or another holiday sentiment. One young man sang a song in French before the entire hall, a truly remarkable and memorable performance. Others read poems, or spoke of their dreams and wishes for the upcoming year. All children were rewarded with a bag of goodies from The Swiss Bakery, and children and adults left with memories of an evening filled with love and cheer.

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PAST EVENTS...



The Swiss Club held its annual Easter Egg Hunt and Basket Decorating event on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Swiss Embassy grounds. The Embassy grounds were bathed in a spectacular wash of sunlight, and cherry trees blossomed all about with vigor under a crystal clear blue sky. The event drew approximately thirty people, consistent with last year's turnout.

Starting at 1:00 pm, almost two dozen children (and it was suspected, several adults) busily turned themselves to decorating woven straw baskets or more modern, plastic Easter buckets with a variety of options, including ribbons, stickers, jewels, butterflies, silk flowers, and this year, several kinds of yellow chicks. The time passed quickly, but not quickly enough, and eager youngsters of all ages were soon ready to search the Embassy grounds for hidden eggs and other treasures. After dutifully standing in line and marching out the double-Embassy doors, the children scoured the grounds and found chocolate bunnies, eggs filled with toys and other goodies. The afternoon provided a wholly enjoyable opportunity to relish in one of the first truly brilliant Spring days in the pleasure of youthful company (and lots of chocolate)!



NEXT EVENTS ...



“Billy Goat Trail” Hike and Barbecue

On **Saturday, May 16**, 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 from on high, 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 tow path, 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 go to a picnic place and grill sausages with bread and soft drinks which will be provided.

For information about the event or changes in case of rain, call Paul Amstad: 410-465-5417; paul.amstad@swissclub.org

Price per person \$10 - kids under 10 are free.

Send checks payable to the **Swiss Club DC** (not refundable)

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