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Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members:

we enjoyed another beautiful **National Day celebration** at the Embassy, with over 570 participants, of whom about 80 were volunteers and 40 were performers, including our Folklore Group, the wonderful guests from Helvetia, West Virginia, and the 5th Maryland Drum and Fife Corps, entertaining in traditional and new ways almost all (hot) afternoon long. Many thanks also to the ambassador for the address and the toast, the hard working embassy crew led by Jörg Roth, and especially the current and former board members, who prepared for months ahead and also provided valuable suggestions before and after, even though some could not be present at the event itself.

Many who see board members organize this and many other events and the daily business of the club so successfully, might hesitate to apply for a board position, thinking that this is too much of a commitment and that they might not be qualified for such activities. That is why we have positions of "board member at large", meaning "without a specific task", where new members can explore how the board works, learn and chose a specific task for the following year, or quit if they don't like it or can't do it, without questions asked. Interestingly, we also have members who have been "at large" for years because they can do everything and pitch in wherever help is needed, and we have former board members who keep working with us even when they have left their official position on the board a long time ago. This may best illustrate how enjoyable and fulfilling this job on the board can be! Please look at the call for applications to the board (in this Postillion), talk to any of the current and former board members (contact information also below), use your imagination of how you could contribute to the success of this club, and apply.

Much is going on in the coming months, so I am sure I'll see you soon

Christian Haudenschild,
President, Swiss Club of Washington DC

Members Corner...

This section is created for anything such as recommendations, hints, thank yous, congratulations, requests, suggestions for discussion or activities, historical reminiscences etc. Please send your articles to Swiss Club DC attn. Reto Weber, 5224 Port Royal Road, Springfield VA 22151.

Swiss Club Agenda for 2011...

3rd Jass Tournament, Sunday September 4, Olney, MD: *booked full*

Fall Festival Picnic with Swiss Rifles, Sept. 11, 11am: Thurmont, MD: *see invitation below*

Kaffee Klatsch, Sat. Oct. 8, 9am, Café Le Pain Quotidien, 7140 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda MD

Annual General Meeting, October 7, 7pm, Swiss Embassy ***

Raclette Evening, November 5, Swiss Embassy

4th Jass Tournament, November 13, Swiss Bakery

Metzgete, November 13, Swiss Bakery

Grittibenz Baking, Sunday December 4, Swiss Bakery

Samichlaus Party, Sunday December 11, Swiss Embassy

Who is willing to help with a new Event? Please contact Reto at tel. 703-624-6880

***Looking for new Board Members/Coordinators...

Our **Annual General Assembly Meeting** is coming up and we would like to find candidates to fill all open positions prior to the meeting. The meeting will take place at 7pm on **Friday, October 7th**, at the Swiss Embassy.

We invite all interested Swiss Club members to step forward and join the 2012 Executive Committee. The following positions are open:

President, Secretary, Program Coordinator, Publicity Officer, Jass Coordinator, Coordinator/Organizer of Swiss National Day, Coordinators of Special Events (such as Fondue/Raclette evenings, Easter Egg Hunt, Xmas party, etc.)

Are you interested in helping out? Please feel free to contact our outgoing president Christian Haudenschild or Reto Weber with any questions, concerns or considerations you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Christian at 301-251-5808 or Reto at 703-624-6880

About other Swiss Groups....

Swiss Rifles: Walter Braendli, 302-995-1035

Swiss Folklore Group: Erwin Buerlimann, 703-548-6349

Die Stauffacherin: Regula Guess, Johanna Steinhauser, 301-656-0112

Swiss Benevolent Society: Campbell Graeub, 301-652-2007

If you have a chance to get to a computer, ask the operator to go to

http://www.swissclubdc.org/sc_videos.htm

to see the video and over 80 photos from the Swiss National Day.

On the next page is a repeat invitation and registration for the Fall Festival Picnic, with a correction: In the Extra Postillion, we offered a cash bar like for most other events. Of course, in this case, no alcohol will be served or sold before, during and after the shooting.

Fall Festival Picnic with the Swiss Rifles Club...

We invite you to our fall festival. This year the Swiss Rifles Invited us for a shooting and a picnic at the Thurmont shooting range (about 1 hour North from the DC Beltway) .

WHEN: Sunday, September 11th, 2011 from 11am to 3pm - rain or shine
(covered porch and club house seating available)

WHERE:

Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman's Club (TCSC)
11617 Hunt Club Road
Thurmont, MD 21788

Directions: From beltway (I-495), take I-270 North (about 32 miles) and continue north onto U.S. Route 15 (about 7.4 miles) north to Old Frederick Road exit. Take Old Frederick Road north (about 4.4 miles) to Hunt Club Road. Turn right onto Hunt Club Road and follow to the end, pass gates (Swiss flags, "members only") to club grounds parking (free) near club house.

PROGRAM:

Ursula, Claudia and Eric will organize some fun activities and children's games and non-shooting entertainment like pumpkin carving, sack hopping races, bobbing for apples, rope pulling contest, head to head balloon races, ect. Bring your own lawn chairs, rain gear, mosquito spray, and sun screen!

Lunch from 12noon to 1pm

Join us for a BBQ with Ribs, Bratwurst, Cervelats, Salads, Corn on the cob, rolls, sodas, water and dessert.

Shooting from 1pm to 3pm

We will have a shooting contest with prizes!

Swiss rifle (Karabiner 31) with electronic scoring, 300 yard range

Pistol (SIG) 25 yard range. Small caliber shooting (children and teens ages 8 to 18) and short range colt (revolver) shooting with the cowboys.

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.

Ammunition cost is \$6 for 10 rifle shots.

Do you want to join the Swiss Rifles? Registration forms at the entrance.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS:

Coaches for sport activities, foodstation, set up and clean up.
Please contact: Eveline Roberts, tel 301-460-9571



Registration for Fall Festival...

Names: _____

Are you a Swiss Club DC Member for 2011?: yes / no

Cell Phone: _____

Email (please write clearly!): _____



REGISTRATION FEES for Swiss Club members:

_____ Adults (12 and over): \$15 each

_____ Children (ages 4 to 12): \$5 each

REGISTRATION FEES for Guests accompanied by members:

_____ Adults (12 and over): \$20 each

_____ Children (ages 4 to 12): \$10 each

Admission includes: BBQ lunch, coffee, soda, water & dessert, pumpkin for children. There will be a cash bar for beer and Swiss wine. Children under 4 years of age are free.

Not a Swiss Club Member? You can sign up for or renew 2011 membership at the gate.

Total number of: Adults _____, Children _____

of these, how many intend to shoot? _____ (ammunition paid at the range)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____, paid by check # _____

Please make **check payable to "Swiss Club"** and mail before September 6 with this registration to:

Eveline Roberts, 14624 Chesterfield Rd., Rockville MD 20853, Tel 301-460-9571



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