

Postillion Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy birthday Switzerland!!

Grüezi Swiss Club Members:

We celebrated our **Swiss National Day** this past Saturday at the grounds of the Swiss Embassy in DC. I hope everyone felt like they were back home in Switzerland.

A big **thank you** goes out to everyone who helped us to make this event successful, including our Ambassador and his wife, all the people from the embassy, all Swiss Club board members and their families, the Folklore Group, musicians, magicians, all volunteers, my helpers from The Swiss Bakery, all sponsors, donors and especially you, the participant who created this beautiful event.

Our only event this month is the **3rd Jass Tournament** on the 26th. Hope to see you there!

With my best wishes for a happy summer,
Reto Weber

P.S. Your opinion counts, especially after a huge event like the Swiss National Day, and it would be great to hear from you. Please call me with any comments or suggestions at:

(703) 624-6880

Third Jass Tournament 2012

We invite you to our third Jass Tournament

When: Sunday, August 26

Where: Home of Rosmarie Sutor

14418 Myer Terrace, Rockville MD 20853

Registration: call Rosmarie at 301-460-5904

We are filling tables of 4; first come first serve!



Swiss Club Quiz

Answers to the June Quiz:

The nick name of this series of stamps is Strubel, meaning unkempt or fizzy hair. However it is not her hair that is "vertschudlet" (as we would say in St. Gallen), but the effect is given by the shape of the wreath around her embossed head.

There are philatelists who collect exclusively Strubelis or "Strubeli". It is worth to get access to a computer to see a beautiful exhibit by the American Helvetia Philatelic Society here:

<http://www.swiss-stamps.org/index2.htm>.

What is interesting in these letters stamped with Strubelis is the incredibly neat handwriting, and the lack of street names and house numbers in the addresses; for example, a letter in 1856 from Stäfa addressed: "Per Steamer via Liverpool, Messieurs Babock & Moore, New-York" (nothing else!) did arrive correctly.

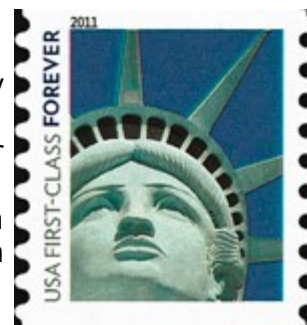
The children's book mentioned is "Der Struwpeter" that was published 1845. A full issue of the 100th edition of 1876 can be downloaded (again, with a computer) as a .pdf file here:

http://www.gasl.org/refbib/Hoffmann_Struwpeter.pdf

The author, a doctor at an asylum for the insane who also ran a private family practice, defends in a postscript how he used these intimidating stories and sketches when he had to calm down unruly children at his home visits.

The winner of this difficult quiz is Marc Eno.

Not all symbolic figures of national virtues wear laurel wreaths. The American Liberty, for example, features sharp spikes, as seen on the current "forever" stamp of the US postal service.



That leads to this seemingly easy **August Quiz**: Where is the actual statue that is shown on this stamp located? The prize will be a sheet of forever stamps, half of them showing this picture.

Please mail your answers to C. Haudenschild, 14036 Natia Manor Drive, North Potomac MD 20878.



Swiss Club Agenda for 2012



3rd Jass Tournament, Sunday August 26: Suitor Residence
Fall Picnic with Swiss Rifles, Sunday September 9, Thurmont, MD
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday September 22
Annual General Meeting, Friday October 12 or 19, Swiss Embassy
Metzgete, Sunday October 28, Swiss Bakery
4th Jass Tournament, Sunday October 28, Swiss Bakery
Raclette Evening, November 10, Swiss Embassy
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday November 17
Grittibenz Baking, Sunday December 2, Swiss Bakery
Samichlaus Party, Sunday December 9, Swiss Embassy

Who is willing to help with a new Event?
Please contact Alexis at (703) 774-3132

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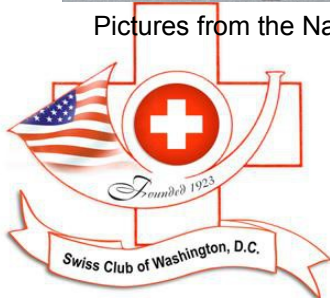
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Pictures from the National Day Celebration: Tobi and Brian



Ambassador Manuel Sager



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