

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Grüezi Swiss Club Members:

Being part of the group who is responsible for organizing all of the Swiss Club events is both fun and rewarding, as we help to bring together people of all ages from all over the world. Our latest **Kaffee Klatsch** had record attendance, and for the first time the Swiss-Germans were outnumbered by the French! I think this really shows the great diversity of the club, and the fact that it is not always Swiss-German centric.

The **Fall Festival** was another fun event. The weather was perfect, the food delicious and the company of the Swiss Club and Swiss Rifle Club members made this event a success. The shooting with the Cowboys was pure fun, the precision target shootings of 300 and 25 meters was also a competition with winners receiving nice prizes. If you missed the Festival, be sure to attend next year! Thank you to everyone who put a lot of effort into this event: to the hosts, organizers and volunteers! Job well done.

We are looking forward to our next event, the **General Assembly**, on Friday, October 19, 7pm at the Embassy. This "event" is a must for our club even though talking about business is always boring. We try to keep the formal part as short as possible so that we can move on to the main part of the event, our traditionally pot luck dinner. We also look forward to enjoying each other's company with a glass of wine.

On the last Sunday in October we have a double header. First the final **Jass Tournament** of the year and then the **Metzgete Dinner**. We have enough space at both events to welcome new faces. Do you have an interest in playing Swiss cards or did you play a long time ago? Then just come on over and be a part of the Swiss Club - great company followed by special Swiss food! Hope to see you then.

With my best wishes,

Reto Weber

Swiss Club 4th Jass Tournament in 2012

We invite you to our final Jass Tournament this year!

When: Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 1:30pm

Where: Swiss Bakery, 5224 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22151

Registration:

Please contact Eveline at 301-460-9571.

Deadline by Oct. 24, 2012 (we need tables of 4)

Fee \$5.00 for Swiss Club members, \$10 for guest, collected at the Jass



Metzgete Dinner

We invite you to our Metzgete Dinner held right after the 4th Jass tournament!

When: Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 5pm, after Jass.

Where: The Swiss Bakery

Menu: Blood Sausages, Liver Sausages, Schueblig, Buurebratwurst mit Zwiebelsauce, Jagdwurst, Kasseler, Speck, Potato, Sauerkraut, Applesauce, Bread, cold beverages, dessert with coffee & tea. Cash bar will be open for beer and Swiss wine.



Registration for Metzgete Dinner

Name(s): _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email (if available, please write clearly): _____

REGISTRATION FEES for Swiss Club members:

____ Adults (12 and over): \$25 each
____ Children (ages 4 to 12): \$10 each

REGISTRATION FEES for Guests accompanied by members:

____ Adults (12 and over): \$35 each
____ Children (ages 4 to 12): \$15 each

Make **check payable** to "Swiss Club of Washington DC" and send with this registration form to: Eveline Roberts, 14624 Chesterfield Rd., Rockville, MD 20853.

If you have any questions please contact Eveline at: tel: 301-460-9571

Registration Deadline is Tuesday, October 23, 2012

2012 General Assembly Meeting

Please join us for our annual Meeting!

The Board of the Swiss Club of Washington DC cordially invites you to join us for our annual meeting.

We appreciate your participation, input, ideas and suggestions!

When: Friday, October 19, 2012 at 7pm

Where: Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave., Washington DC

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Reading & approval of minutes from 2011 assembly
3. The president's report
4. The treasurer's report
5. Other reports of Swiss Rifles, Die Stauffacherin, Jass & Folklore Group Swiss Benevolent Society
6. Acknowledge outgoing members, Yvonne, Ursula & Ben
7. Elections of new board members
8. Welcoming new members - nominations
9. Upcoming Club activities, suggestions for new one
10. Miscellaneous -90th Anniversary 2013 (Open Discussion / Q & A)
11. Adjournment



Looking for new Board Members/Coordinators

We invite all interested Swiss Club members to step forward and join the 2013 Executive Committee. Are you interested in helping out?

Food: Pot Luck, bring your favorite dish!

(Microwave available and the Swiss Club will provide drinks)

Please feel free to contact our president, Reto Weber, 703-624-6880 with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Swiss Club Agenda for 2012

Annual General Meeting, Friday October 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
Grüttibenz 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 tel 703-774-3132.

The Fall Picnic was a Success!



On a beautiful, crisp fall day, members of the Swiss Club and the Swiss Rifles came together for fun & food in Thurmont, MD. The day started out with a shooting demonstration by the "Cowboys". In full cowboy regalia, they shot several guns that were replicas of weapons used in the Wild West days: a Colt six shot single action revolver, a classical Winchester repeating rifle, and a Hunter's two cartridge shotgun. Shooting at metal targets, it was easy to hear the 'ping' as the bullets ricocheted off of them. Then, the range was open to the Swiss club members! One by one, we stepped up to try our own hands at being a cowboy. And, what a great feeling when you pulled the trigger and heard the metal ping!

Next, we walked over to the rifle range to meet the Swiss Rifles and practice our hand at precision marksmanship. After a thorough explanation and lesson from our patient hosts, we looked through the scope at the target, and gave it our best shot ~ literally! From the youngest shooter at 8 years old, to the shooters still young at heart, we all had a marvelous time. The rifles were Swiss Military Karabiners Model 31 for a distance of 300 yards. The Small Caliber guns, shooting at 50 yards, were various modern models with telescopes so powerful and precise that one could actually see the bullet hitting the target. The rules were 6 best of ten shots on a scale from 0 to 10. Here are the top rankings in each category*:

- Adult Rifle - 1st - Marco Mellies (76 total, 51 best of possible 6x10 points)
- Adult Rifle - 2nd - Fabian Mueller (75 total, 51 points)
- Adult Small Caliber - 1st - Michelle Dillingham (60 of 60, with 5 center hits)
- Adult Small Caliber - 2nd - Jack Murphy (60 with 3 center hits)
- Youth - 1st - Ilian Aydanian (58 of 60)
- Youth - 2nd - Luka Jeremil (54 of 60)

Meanwhile, the children were playing games and carving and decorating pumpkins. Some were funny, some were scary, but they were all terrific. The judging was loud and animated, just as you would expect!

And, what Swiss Club event would be complete without fabulous food from the Swiss Bakery? Several types of Würst were served along with ribs, chicken, corn, and fresh bread. And, the desserts, always yummy! Take a look at the pictures (click here) and see the fun that was had by all... Thank you Swiss Rifles and Cowboys, for being such generous hosts. And, thank you to all the volunteers who make each event such a pleasure. We are all looking forward to the next time!

* Of course, the rankings do not include our current and past presidents (Reto & Christian), who significantly outperformed all of us! However, they graciously excused themselves from the competition...



SAVE THE DATE! Raclette Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Raclette Evening.

Come with your family and friends and spend a beautiful evening while enjoying one of the most traditional and delicious Swiss dishes.

When: November 10.

Where: Swiss Embassy

More details coming soon.



A Swiss Fairy Tale "Hard Works Pays Off"

At the end of this season's TV show "So You Think You Can Dance", the audience voted for America's Favorite Dancer and selected Chehon Wespi-Tschopp, a Swiss citizen, to be the male winner of the competition.

Chehon was born in Chicago. His parents, both Swiss citizens, adopted him as a newborn. He has two older brothers, both of whom were adopted as well. Chehon was raised in the United States, Australia and Switzerland; his hometown is Zurich, where his parents currently reside. It was not until age 13, that he became exposed to and then fascinated by ballet. A year later, he was offered a spot at the prestigious Royal Ballet School in London. He had to work very hard to catch up with the other students who had been dancing since their early childhood. After graduation, he joined the Los Angeles Ballet and most recently performed on the Twyla Tharp's Broadway Show "Come Fly Away". Earlier this year, Chehon auditioned in New York for a spot on the TV show "So You Think You Can Dance" and he was selected - amongst tens upon thousands who auditioned all over the U.S. - to join the competition for the Las Vegas callback round. From these 200 dancers, Chehon made it to the Top 20 dancers who were invited to Hollywood for the taping of the show. Every week, from May through September, the dancers were asked to rehearse and perform random dances, mostly out of their genre, and they faced weekly eliminations. Although Chehon made it look effortless, each dance style he performed was amazing and clearly the result of his extraordinary dedication and passion for dancing, coupled with his untiring discipline and willingness to work hard. He dared to push himself further every week and he grew more comfortable dancing a wide range of different styles and dealing with being in the spotlight.

Chehon has close ties to his aunt's family who are active members of the Swiss Club of Washington D.C.



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Le Temps has imposed itself as the media of reference in the French speaking part of Switzerland, specializing in different main topics such as Swiss and international politics, economics, finance and culture. As the U.S. presidential elections are approaching, their journalists offer the readers their opinions, analyses and reports, before, during and after those elections. A dedicated page is now open on their website named "Elections américaines". For this, you need a computer.....

See http://www.letemps.ch/dossiers/dossiers_2012/2012_usa_elections where articles on the topic are regularly uploaded.

Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the September Quiz:

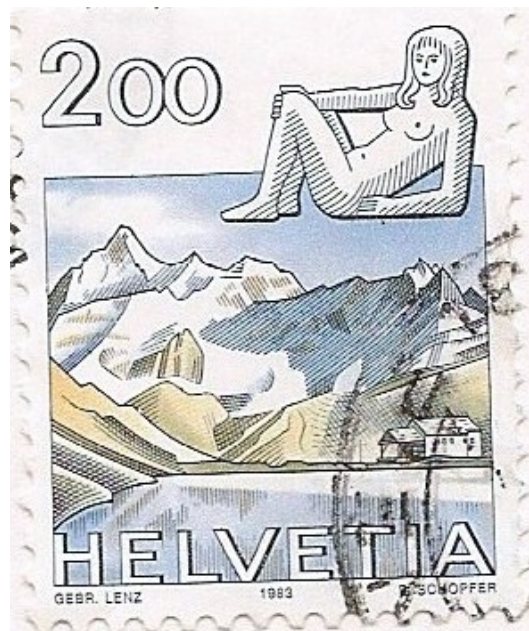
The model for the Tell stamp was the famous statue of William Tell and son in Altdorf, Canton of Uri, Switzerland. The statue was created by the Swiss sculptor Richard Kissling, 1885. I did not get a single answer to that quiz, so I am not going to ask the follow up question about the location of two other Tell statues in Switzerland: one at the Quai of Lugano, 1856 by Vincenzo Vela, and another one in front of the Federal Court in Bern, 1901 by Antoine Mercié. Of course, I don't remember all these stories from school, but I found many more on the web site <http://www.tell.ch> in German and English, which I enjoyed.

Part of the fun of collecting stamps are the stories associated with them. While the US Postal Service refused to replace the Las Vegas Liberty statue on the forever stamp with the one in the New York harbor (August quiz), in 1983 the Swiss Post actually replaced a stamp in response to complaints from the philatelists. It was the 2.00 Franc stamp of the series Zodiac and Landscapes showing the Jungfrau (virgin) zodiac symbol with the Aletsch glacier and the mountains Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau (logically) in the original (February 17th) edition (left). This design was replaced later in that year with the same symbol and a view of the Matterhorn from the Schwarzsee (right), which was correct but had nothing to do with the virgin (but now she had a new make-up with eye brows!). So, obviously, the complaint was not about showing a naked lady on a Swiss postage stamp.

October Quiz: What was wrong with the original stamp shown on the left?

Answers please to Christian tel 301 251 5808 (leave a message)

No prizes, this is just for fun and entertainment.





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