

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Grüezi Swiss Club Members:

The Club season is in full swing. For those who missed the Swiss National Holiday, there are beautiful pictures on our web site under [photo gallery](#) that capture well the festive atmosphere and the warm, cozy feeling of being back home just for a little bit. Thanks again to all who participated and the many who worked so hard to make this event a success.

On a smaller scale, we had four tables full of busy players at the third Jass tournament that Rosmarie Suitor graciously hosted last Sunday. Some very high scores were achieved as you can see on the [Jass Egge](#) of our web site. Although we have very good players, the game is never taken too seriously, and we had lots of jokes, laughter and, never forget, delicious food. Coming up is the traditional Fall Picnic, for the second time with the Swiss Rifles in Thurmont. The details and [registration](#) forms are below in this Postillion, and we encourage you to register as soon as you can, since the event will happen already next weekend. While shooting is the main attraction, there is plenty of action for the whole family, shooters and non-shooters, and especially also for the children. Of course we count on the parents to participate in some of the games and the artistic exercises such as pumpkin carving and decorating. And again, the picnic food will be very special and very Swiss, right from the grill. The picnic area is under a roof, and the picnic will be held rain or shine. If you are not convinced yet to come, check the amazing pictures from last year's picnic on the photo gallery of our web site.

Two weeks later, we have the Kaffee Klatsch at the Swiss Bakery, a totally informal, pleasant affair where you can hear and practice at least 2, maybe 3 languages spoken in Switzerland. You don't even have to pay, buy or consume anything; however, the delicious Swiss specialties surrounding you are very tempting indeed.

I'll be present at all these events and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

With my best wishes,

Reto Weber

Swiss Club Agenda for 2012

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 alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org

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 9th, 2012 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm - 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:

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, etc. Bring your own lawn chairs, rain gear, mosquito spray, and sun screen!

Lunch from 12-Noon to 1:00 pm

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

Shooting from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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 shortrange 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 protection will be provided.

Ammunition cost is \$6 for 10 rifle shots.

Registration for Fall Festival

Names: _____

Are you a Swiss Club DC Member for 2012?: yes / no

(Cell) Phone: _____ email (if available): _____

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

Swiss Club Kaffee Klatsch

We invite you to join us for a cup of coffee, a sweet treat, and good conversation... in Swiss-German, French, or Italian! All skill levels and ages are welcome. We usually have a group of about 12 people and the talk is lively. If you are a beginner, come and listen and see what you can learn.

When:

Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 9am

Where:

The Swiss Bakery,
5224 Port Royal Road,
Springfield VA 22151

Ample parking is available, but it is not accessible by metro.

Check <http://www.swissclubdc.org> for updates.

Come join us for Language Coffee Hour!

The Swiss Bakery is one of our favorite gathering spots, and is owned by the Swiss Club of DC president, Reto Weber. Come and see what wonderful treats he and Laurie have created!

Registration for Kaffee Klatsch

Although the event is free of charge, we'd like to know to expect you! Just let us know how many are coming and what language you'd like to speak. Please contact Alexis Sullivan with any questions and to register. She can be reached at alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org or 703-774-3132.

September Quiz

August answer:

The photograph used for the forever Liberty stamp is not a picture of the 305 feet statue in the New York Harbor, but a picture of the smaller (150 ft) replica statue that is located outside the New York-New York Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. How attentive philatelists have noted the minute differences is nicely described and illustrated here (if you have access to a computer): http://www.linns.com/Liberty_042511.aspx.

The winning one and only correct answer to this tricky question came from Sabir Aissi.

Here is an easier one:

September Quiz: What model did the designer of this early 20th century Swiss stamp use for this portrait of William Tell? Hint: It's in Switzerland and still visible today.

Please leave a message with your answer on 301-251-5808.



Some pictures from earlier Kaffee Klatsches:



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