

Postillion Newsletter

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Message from the President

Grüezi Swiss Club Members and friends of the Swiss Club!

I want to wish everyone a happy **Swiss National Day**. Please come and join us on Saturday August 3rd at the Embassy of Switzerland for the official celebration.

This year we have an exciting tombola and raffle to present to you. We have **over 300 tombola prizes!** For the raffle we collected gifts and contributions from our very generous sponsors in the amount of over **\$11,000!** Do not miss out on this opportunity - you could end up with a pair of airline tickets from Swiss for as little as \$5!

If you have not registered yet it's not too late, just come on over, the gates open at 4pm for Swiss Food & Music ~ Bonfire ~ Alphorns ~ Basler Fifes & Drums ~ Lampion Parade ~ Swiss Beer & Wines ~ Swiss Bakery ~ Tombola ~ Swiss Souvenirs ~ Super Raffle Prizes ~ Flag Swinging ~ Kids' Corner ~ Swimming Pool ~ Moon bounce ~ Games ~ Swiss Traditions ~ Swiss Dogs ~ Soccer!

See you all on August 3rd!

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Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the July Quiz: These dogs were originally bred by the monks of the Saint Bernhard pass. The barrel around their neck contained brandy for the victims of avalanches that they were trained to find (not necessarily a medically sound first aid nowadays...). The name of the most famous rescue dogs was Barry; his stuffed body is still in a museum in Bern. The most famous American sample is Beethoven of the movie series with the same name. Since the hot summer days are also called the "dog days", here is another dog question:

Quiz: How does a Berner Sennenhund look like? **Hint:** You will see a show of award winning dogs of that typical Swiss breed at the Swiss National Day celebration August 3 at the Swiss embassy!

Swiss National Day Celebration August 3rd, 2013

Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave., Washington DC 20008

Gate opens at 4pm; Gate closes at 6pm. Event ends after dark. No rain date.

Program:

3:45 pm	Alphorns
4:00 pm	Gate opens
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Tombola Booth is Open
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Pool, Games, Swiss Dogs, Kids Corner & Moonbounce
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Entertainment Program
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Swiss Village
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Food Service

Entertainment Program:

4:00 pm	Traditional & Modern Swiss Music
5:00 pm	Welcome by Swiss Club President
5:05 pm	Basler Fifes & Drums
6:00 pm	Official Address, National Anthem w/ Wine Toast
6:30 pm	Taler Schwingen, Alphorns & Fahenschwingen
6:45 pm	Super Raffle Drawing
8:15 pm	Lampion Parade to the Bonfire



Bring lawn chairs, beach umbrellas, swimsuit for the pool, and sun screen!

Entrance fee includes:

All entertainment, Swiss sausages, salads, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages.
And, children (2 to 12 years of age) will receive a Swiss lampion.

Entrance Fee at the Gate

2013 Member Adults	\$25	2013 Member Children	\$15
Guest Adults	\$35	Guest Children	\$20

Children are ages 2 - 12. Entrance for children under 2 years of age is free. Food and lampions for them may be purchased separately. Guest tickets include a 7 day membership.

Save the Date!

We invite you to our third Jass Tournament.

When:

Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 1:30pm

Where:

Backus Residence.

More details to come in the next Postillon.



Fall Festival Picnic with the Swiss Rifles Club

We invite you to our Fall Picnic in Thurmont, MD for food, fun, and festivities. We will have a BBQ, shooting lessons (beginners welcome), a shooting contest, and other activities, such as pumpkin decorating.

When:

Sunday, September 8, 2013 from 11am to 3pm ~ rain or shine
11am - 2pm ~ Shooting Activities
11am - 3pm ~ Other Activities & Games
12pm - 1pm ~ BBQ Lunch

Where:

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

About 1 hr north of the DC beltway. (find the map here) 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 clubhouse. Bring your own lawn chairs, rain gear, mosquito spray, and sunscreen!

Shooting:

We will have a shooting contest with prizes! Swiss rifle (Karabiner 31) with electronic scoring, 300 yard range. Small caliber shooting (children and teens ages 8 to 18), 50 yard range with telescope, 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.



Registration for the Picnic

Only current club members and their escorted guest may attend this event...

Names: _____

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. Children under 4 years of age are free.

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 with this registration to:

Eveline Roberts, Swiss Club of Washington, 14624 Chesterfield Road, Rockville MD 20853.

Please call her at (301) 460-9571 with any questions.

Registration Deadline is Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

Swiss Club Agenda for 2013

Swiss National Day August 3, Swiss Embassy
Lesezirkel, September 2, location tbd
Fall Festival Picnic Sunday September 8, Thurmont, MD
3rd Jass Tournament September 22, Backus residence, MD
Kaffee Klatsch Saturday, September 28, location tbd
General Assembly Friday, October 18, Swiss Embassy
4th Jass Tournament Sunday in October, location tbd
Kaffee Klatsch Saturday, November 2, location tbd
Raclette Evening Saturday, November 16, Swiss Embassy
Grittibenz Baking Sunday, December 8, Swiss Bakery
Samichlaus/Christmas Party Sunday, December 15, Swiss Embassy

Member's Corner

The Swiss Club regrets to inform you the passing away of **Thomas Vieli**, 65, of Punxsutawney, PA. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.