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President's Message

Dear Swiss Club members,

Our big news this month is the introduction of online event registration. On a trial basis, the Swiss Club will offer e-registration to events in addition to our regular sign up. We have scheduled two events to test the program. The first one is the Spring Bike Ride scheduled for Saturday, May 17, followed by the Billy Goat Trail hike in June.

Many of you have been asking about registering online, and we hope you'll take advantage of it. We also welcome your feedback as we move towards making it easier to sign up for our events.

Don't forget to take a look at the pictures of our recent Easter Egg Hunt at www.swissclubdc.org (Photo Gallery) when the weather was beautiful and the eggs well hidden by the Easter Bunny and his helpers.

Until next time,

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Swiss Club Events for 2014

Spring Bike Ride, May 17

Jass, May 4, Haudenschild Residence

Billy Goat Trail Hike, June 21

World Cup Game, June 15 : Switzerland vs. Ecuador

Kaffee Klatsch, July

Swiss National Day, Saturday, August 2, Swiss Embassy

Swiss Shooting Day, Saturday, September 6, Thurmont, MD

Jass, in September

General Assembly, October

Kaffee Klatsch, October

Raclette, November

Jass, November

Grittibenz, Sunday, December 7, Swiss Bakery

Samichlaus, Sunday, December 14, Swiss Embassy

Jass Tournament #3

Two tables of 4 still open !

When: Sunday, May 4th at 1:30pm

Where: Haudenschild Residence
14036 Natia Manor Drive
North Potomac, MD 20878
(301) 251-5808

Registration:

Fee: \$5 per Swiss Club member and \$10 per guest, collected at the Jass.

To register, leave a message with your name and phone number at 301-251-5808 or email christian.haudenschild@swissclubdc.org First come first serve; we need to arrange 5 tables of four.

Jass Rules & Scoring can be found on our website www.swissclubdc.org



Spring Bike Ride May 17th 10:30am (Rain date: May 31st)

Join us for the annual spring bike ride Saturday, May 17 (with a rain day the week after Memorial Day, Saturday, May 31), at 10:30 AM. Meet us in Purcellville, VA, on the Washington Old Dominion bike trail, by the Magnolias restaurant.

There is plenty of parking available around that area. There is also a bike shop that will rent bikes: [check the website](#) or call 540 338 2773 to reserve a bike. Any bike will do but best suited are road bikes as the trail is asphalted.

From Purcellville you can ride towards Leesburg, VA, which is ten miles away and can turn around wherever you want depending on your enthusiasm and stamina. For more energetic riders Ashburn is 20 miles away by Dulles airport, Vienna 30 mile and Georgetown 44 miles. The distances quoted are to Purcellville.

We plan to eat at the Magnolias restaurant around 12:30pm. For directions [click here](#).

The Magnolias Restaurant is at 198 North 21st. Street, Purcellville and the website can be [found here](#).

There is no charge for this event, however, lunch is not included. We would like you to register so we know how many people to expect for the lunch reservation. For your safety and pleasure you should bring a water bottle, helmet and bike air pump. If it is the first time this year on the bike take a test run around your area to see if there are any fixes/maintenance needed.

Saturday, May 17th at 10:30 am for the bike ride and around 12:30 pm for lunch.

For registration by phone call Martin Perret 703-321-3021. Registration on line:
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e98s5h6eef828a1e&llr=m9ntlqdad>

Save the Date

Celebrate with us the Swiss National Day!

Saturday, August 2, starting at 4pm.

Detailed information is coming soon!



Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the April Quiz: An Astrolabium is an astronomical clock that projects the three-dimensional celestial globe onto the two-dimensional plane of the equator to show, in addition to time, the movements of sun, moon and stars as seen from the earth as center. The clock of the Zytgloggeturm in Bern is a great example: on this picture it is 2 o'clock (golden hand) Sunday (window on top) April 25 (small sun lower left). The visible sun (over golden hand) has entered the zodiac sign of taurus (April 21-May 20), illuminating just a small portion of the waxing moon (almost black ball rotating on its own gear).



Another very famous Swiss clock is of course the trademark SBB clock of the Swiss railways, in this picture showing exactly 10:10. A train scheduled for this departure time will move before the red dot hand (seconds) reaches the top position again.

Quiz: What else is unique in all SBB clocks about this position of the red dot?



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