



## President's Message

Bonjour à tous,

Time to head outdoors with some good hiking shoes (sneakers are OK, too) and head for the Billy Goat Trail on a beautiful Saturday in June. Just don't forget to register, so we know how many of you to expect - see info below.

The Jassers will meet for the third time this year, and we are always looking for new players to join the group. Let me know if you'd be interested in a game of Jass.

Our Swiss National Day celebration will take place on Saturday, August 1, from 4pm till dark, on the grounds of the Embassy of Switzerland. A registration e-mail will go out later this month. This is one event that requires many hands and we'll need volunteers to run this event. So, think about it and let me know if you would like to help.

Thank you for continued support,                      Eveline Roberts                      [Chvd@aol.com](mailto:Chvd@aol.com)

## Billy Goat Trail Hike June 6<sup>th</sup> 10am Old Anglers Inn

Join us for a hike on the beautiful and adventurous Billy Goat Hiking Trail which offers great views of the Potomac River, especially in the Mather Gorge area. Then we'll relax with sausages on the grill at the Carderock picnic area.

We will hike a short piece of the towpath and then pick up the Billy Goat trail, which is about two miles along the river. For those who have never hiked the trail, this will be an adventure as you get the sense that we are in the wilderness, miles away from the city. Although it starts out flat we will encounter some rugged terrain which requires a bit of rock scrambling; therefore, **good hiking shoes are recommended**. For those seeking a less challenging activity, we have organized a hike parallel to the towpath which would allow for meeting up together at the point where the "billy goats" come back out to the towpath, and then we'll hike back to the starting point as a group. **The total length of the hike is a little less than five miles**. The hike will take place rain or shine. \$10 fee includes sausages, salads and drinks at the BBQ. Beer and wine will be available for an extra charge.

We will meet on **Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m.** at the parking lot across from the Old Anglers Inn on 10801 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac MD 20854

**Registration:** Please RSVP to Bernard Unti,  
[301-548-7707](tel:301-548-7707) ([bernard.unti@swissclubdc.org](mailto:bernard.unti@swissclubdc.org))  
by Thursday, June 4.

## Third Jass Tournament

**Sunday, June 7, at 1:30pm** at the Zeender residence  
16324 Bawtry Ct  
Bowie, MD 20715

**Registration:** Please call Margrit Zeender before June 4  
at [rzeender@comcast.net](mailto:rzeender@comcast.net), or at 301-262-3253

**Registration fee:** \$5 per Swiss Club member and \$10 per guest, collected at the Jass  
Jass Rules and Scoring can be found on our [website](#)



## Swiss Club Kaffeeklatsch

**Saturday, June 13th , from 9 am to 11am**

Le Pain Quotidien  
Bethesda Row  
7140 Bethesda Ln  
Bethesda MD  
[301 913 2902](tel:3019132902)

Please RSVP to RosmarieStucki at [rosmarie@gmail.com](mailto:rosmarie@gmail.com)



## Swiss Club Happy Hour

Thanks to all who came to the DicconBewes talk at Kramerbooks on the 27th. It was a full house but wonderful to see so many people.

Our next Happy Hour will be **Wednesday, June 17th**, beginning at 6pm at Darlington House, located at 1610 20th St. NW, accessible by the Red Line Dupont Circle stop. RSVP to the Club's Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/swissclubDC> or by emailing Catherine at [catherine.gees@swissclubdc.org](mailto:catherine.gees@swissclubdc.org)



## Save the Date: Swiss National Day

**When:** Saturday, August 1st

**Where:** Swiss Embassy

More Information in upcoming Postillions



## Swiss Benevolent Society 2015 Scholarship Program

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Washington D.C. 2015 Scholarship Program has commenced. Awards may be made in an amount of up to \$2000 each. Assistance to qualified applicants will be given to obtain a post high school education in any field of endeavor, for any formal educational instruction, including vocational school, at any domestic or foreign institution. Applicants must be Swiss Nationals, or be of proven Swiss descent, with a least one grandparent of Swiss nationality. Applicants must be legal residents of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area or the Swiss settlement of Helvetia, West Virginia for at least one year prior to the start of classes. Proof of residency is required. High emphasis will be placed on financial need of scholastically qualified individuals.

Applications may be obtained by sending request to the Swiss Benevolent Society, Regula Bolliger Guess, 11505 Hornfair Court, Potomac, MD 20854, or to [regula.guess@yahoo.com](mailto:regula.guess@yahoo.com). Completed applications, with all supporting material, must be submitted by July 1, 2015.

The Swiss Benevolent Society was founded in 1865 as a charitable organization to help Swiss or descendants of Swiss living in the Washington, DC area who are in need of assistance. In addition to annually awarding scholarships, help is extended to Swiss who are ill or need assistance. If you know of someone who is in need of help, we ask that you contact Society at the address below or call Campbell Graeub at [301-652-2007](tel:301-652-2007).

The Society is no longer a membership organization that collects annual dues. It depends, therefore, entirely on donations and the income from its nominal reserve fund. Your financial support is respectfully requested. Contributions are tax deductible. If you would like to make a contribution to the Society's Charitable and Scholarship Programs, please complete the contribution form below. The Society wishes to express sincere appreciation to local Swiss for their past support; a special thank you to those members of the local Swiss community who make annual contributions. Without your support, the Society's work would not be possible.

## Swiss Club Quiz

**Answer to May Quiz:** On July 25, 1940, General Guisan assembled the top ranking officers of the Swiss Army on the Rütli to declare "resistance without condition" against all armies surrounding Switzerland. This introduced the concept of the *réduit*, essentially using the impenetrable alps as a fortress. The picture below (©keystone) from the Rütli web site (<http://www.ruetli.ch/de/history/der-ber%C3%BChmte-r%C3%BCtirapport-von-general-guisan-7>) shows the top militia there, not necessarily in a parade formation, probably just after the command "dismissed" (General Guisan in the foreground).



**June Quiz:** Ever since Hannibal attempted to pass the Gotthard with an army featuring elephants, foreign armies have tried to pass the Swiss alps and failed. An example is in the picture below, and the quiz question is: who is fighting whom and what is the name of this famous/infamous bridge? (Hint: the year is 1799)



## **Swiss Camps 2015**

**For children aged 8 - 12**

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### **Reckingen (VS)**

27.6. - 10.7.2015

**Age:** 8 - 12 years

### **Prêles (BE)**

8.8. - 21.8.2015

**Age:** 8 - 14 years



Precise details and the electronic registration form is available at our Homepage [www.sjas.ch](http://www.sjas.ch) ("camps"). Reduced contribution rates are available in justified cases. The form required can be requested on the registration form. We are also happy to post you our information brochure on request. Please contact us for further information.

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## **Tentative Swiss Club Events for 2015**

- June 6 - Billy Goat Trail hike, Potomac, Maryland
- June 7- 3rd Jass tournament, Zeender Residence
- June 13 - Kaffee Klatsch at the Pain Quotidien in Bethesda, MD
- June 17 Happy Hour, Darlington House
- August 1 - Swiss National Day, at the Swiss Embassy
- September - 4th Jass tournament
- October 18 - Swiss Shooting Day
- October - General Assembly
- November - Raclette
- November - 5th Jass tournament
- December - Grittibenz
- December - Samichlaus



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