



# **November 2015 Postillion**

By Rossana Delucchi

### **President's message**

Bonjour tout le monde,

Fall has arrived and our thoughts turn to warm weather food and the holidays. The raclette dinner on Nov. 14 will satisfy both needs. Where else can you eat such a dish and at the same time have the opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping, provided, of course, you get the winning bids at the silent auction organized by the Swiss Benevolent Society. Don't wait to register since space is limited and it will most likely be sold out before you know it.

Our webmaster, Hannes Hofer, has been diligently working to upgrade our <u>website</u>, and it is now ready for your inspection. This is also where you'll find the photos taken at our events. We hope that you will like the new features which make it more mobile friendly. He even included a "learn more" page which tells you about what changes were made.

See you at the raclette,

**Eveline Roberts** 

# Last Jass tournament of the year!

When: Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1:30 pm

### new location

Where: at the Haudenschild residence 14036 Natia Manor Drive, North Potomac MD 20878 301-762-5369 (for messages)

Please register with Margrit Zeender 301-262-3253 or by sending an email to <u>rzeender@comcast.net</u>

We look forward to playing with you!

You can find the rules on our website

For more information, please, <u>click here</u>

# **Swiss Club Events for 2015**

- November 8 Jass tournament at the Haudenschild residence
- November 14 Raclette dinner, Embassy
- December 6 Grittibenz, at the Swiss Bakery, Springfield
- December 13 Samichlaus party, Embassy



# Don't miss out on a delicious raclette

When: Saturday, November 14, at 6pm

<u>Where:</u> Embassy of Switzerland 2900 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 2008

Enjoy a festive evening of cheese, wine and good company at the Swiss Embassy. Dinner includes all you can eat Raclette cheese with potatoes, Bündnerfleisch, pearl onions & cornichon, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks.

A cash bar will be open for beer & wine.

There will also be a Silent Auction and a Live Auction to benefit the Swiss Benevolent Society. There are many



lovely Swiss prizes for you to take home, if you get the winning bid, of course! The SBS will accept cash and checks at the auction, so bring your checkbook.

### **Register Now!**

First Name	_ Last Name	
Telephone	_ E-mail address (if available)	
Member Adult @ \$30	Member Child @ \$15 (age 6 to 12)	
Guest Adult @ \$40.00	Guest Child @ \$20	
You may ad a maximum of 8 guests. Please indicate their names here:		

Please make check payable to : Swiss Club of Washington D.C. and send check with this reservation form to Eveline Roberts, 14624 Chesterfield Road, Rockville MD 20853

Seating is limited, so make your reservation now! (deadline is Wednesday, November 11th or when all seats are sold)

#### SBS silent auction

The Swiss Benevolent Society will again sponsor an entertaining Silent Auction at the November Raclette Dinner To make the auction special it will feature primarily Swiss-themed items. Do you have such items to donate? As the SBS is a 501(c)3 charitable organization your gifts are tax deductible.

If you have items to donate please call:

Campbell Graeub (301-652-200) to let him know what you can contribute.

Please indicate the retail price and a suggested starting bid.

### **Swiss Club Quiz**

<u>Answer to the October Quiz:</u> Names of the major parties and percentage of the 2,521.445 votes (48.4% Swiss participated) won in the latest 2015 elections:

SVP Schweizer Volks Partei : 29.4% (26.6% in 2011)

SP Sozialdemokratische Partei: 18.8% (18.7% in 2011)

FDP Freisinnig Demokratische Partei: 16.4% (15.5% in 2011)

CVP Christlichdemokratische Volkspartei: 11.6% (12.3% in 2011)

Much more details <u>here</u> https://www.ch.ch/de/wahlen2015/parteienstarke-im-nationalrat/ November Quiz: Where in Switzerland can you get Maagebrot, Mässmogge, and Gleppfer?

### **Rene Zuefle**

by Regula Munz

It is with great sadness that we would like to inform of the passing of Rene Zuefle on October13, 2015, just a month and a half after his 78thbirthday. Rene came to Washington more than 50 years ago and worked at the Swissair downtown office until it closed. After that he started working at Dulles Airport, where over the last 15+ years he made many more friends. Everyone at the airport knew him; coming to work was fun for him and a big part of his social life. He always had little chocolates in his pocket and handed them out to his friends as he was passing by. It was not until about 3 months ago, that Rene sadly could not go to work anymore due to increasing health issues.



Rene had many friends all over the world and loved to travel and visit them up until earlier this year. He was an active member of the Swiss Club for a long time as well, enjoying the events, the Jass Tournaments and the friendships.

Rene will be missed by everyone who knew him.

# **Swiss Club Shooting Day results**

On a cold Sunday in October some 40+ members and their guests arrived at Thurmont to take part in a friendly shooting competition. The Swiss Rifles were ready for us and advised everyone needing help how to go about aiming for the target.

In addition, Cowboy Hermann Anton and his son had set up some metal targets nearby. As for the scoring, no fancy electronics were necessary there. The result was immediate: there was an audible "ping" when you hit the target and silence when you didn't!

In the 50 yd small caliber, six best out of a first series of ten shots onto a standard target where 10 is the center, that was the rule of this competition. Fortunately, inside the 10, there is an even smaller circle with an X (called "mouche" in French), so the ranking could be based on the number of X's.



In the 300 yard rifle competition with the same rules, coming close to the maximum of 60 was a bit more difficult, as the center 10 of the Swiss standard target A10 is only 10 centimeters (a little more than 4 inches) in diameter.

Congratulations to the winners (see their picture above):

Children Small Caliber (50 yd) 1. Silas Baechtiger Adult Small Caliber/Women (50 yd) 1. Sabrina Hunn 2. Estelle Vuichard Adult Small Caliber/Men (50 yd) 1. Leo Kalberer-Baechtiger 2. Lukas Lanzrein Adult Rlfle (300 yd) 1. Reto Weber 2. Jan

A big thank you to the Swiss Rifles for inviting us to Thurmont and sharing their time at the range with our members. It's a new experience for many of us, and we look forward to next year.

Thank you, to Cowboy Hermann Anton and his son for sharing their love of cowboy shooting.

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