

[Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.](#)

October 2015 Postillion

by Rossana Delucchi



President's message

Bonjour à tous,

Fall has arrived and what better way to start the season than with a trip to Thurmont, MD, by the Catoclin Mountains. The Swiss Shooting Day takes place in a beautiful area, near the Monocacy River. And for those who want more to do while up North, there is a [giant corn maze](#) less than 5 miles away. You might be tempted to try your luck at finding your way out of this labyrinth.

We also invite all the Club members to attend our annual General Assembly on Friday evening, October 23. The event will take place at the Embassy at 7pm. We'll begin with the official part of the meeting followed by a potluck dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

Thank you for your continued support of the Swiss Club.

Eveline Roberts eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org

Kaffee Klatsch

Come join our Language Club Coffee Hour

We talk, we sip coffee, and we eat pastries... what a great way to spend a Saturday morning! We usually have 15 to 20 participants speaking French, Swiss German, and sometimes, Italian. Come and enjoy good conversation and good food!

Place:

La Madeleine
11610 Old Georgetown Road Rockville, MD 20852

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2015

Time: 9:00am to 11:00am

Free 2hr indoor parking @ Pike and Rose shopping area on Old Georgetown Road.

La Madeleine is located on street level / next to City Sports / across from Steinway & Sons.

Please RSVP to Rosmarie Stucki (202) 572-8219 (rosmarie@gmail.com).



2015 Shooting Day with the Swiss Rifles

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.

Good news, we are excited to welcome back children this year! Children's activities will include pumpkin carving and games, see schedule below.

Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 11am to 3pm ~ rain or shine

11am - 2pm ~ Shooting Activities
11am - 3pm ~ Pumpkin carving and Games
12pm - 1pm ~ BBQ Lunch

Bring your own lawn chairs, rain gear, mosquito spray, and sunscreen!

Admission Includes

BBQ lunch, coffee, soda, water & dessert

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, 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 sunglasses or goggles along. Earplugs will be provided.

Please note: Children need to be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times, at picnic area, playgrounds and shooting ranges. Ear protection must be worn before approaching shooting ranges.

Ammunition cost is \$6 for 10 rifle shots.

Do you want to join the Swiss Rifles? Ask for registration forms at the entrance

Registration for the 2015 Shooting Day

First Name

Last Name

Telephone

Email (if available)

_____ Member Adult	\$ 20.00	\$ _____	
_____ Guest Adult	\$ 25.00	\$ _____	
_____ Member Child age 4-12	\$ 10.00	\$ _____	
_____ Guest Child age 4-12	\$ 15.00	\$ _____	total \$ _____

Please make check to SwissclubDC and send (with list of names of guests, if any) to:

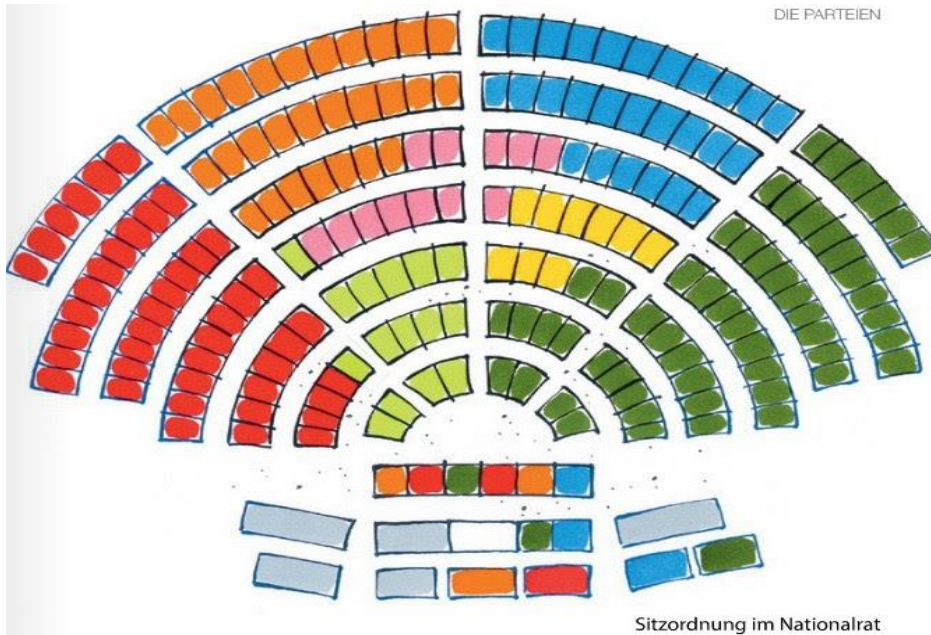
Jeni Tutwiler, 604 East Poplar Road, Sterling, VA 20164

For Questions, call her (207) 577-9495



Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the September Quiz: The Gotthard basis tunnel consists of two tubes; each is about 57 kilometers (about 35 miles) long. To allow the planned routine speed of 250 km/h (about 155 mph), it has to be tested at speeds up to 275 km/h (about 171 mph).



Fraktionsstärken Legislaturperiode 2011 bis 2015 (Anzahl Sitze)

Fraktion	Nationalrat	Ständerat	Bundesversammlung
SVP-Fraktion (59 SVP, 2 Lega, 1 MCG, 1 Parteiloser)	57	6	63
SP-Fraktion	46	11	57
CVP-EVP-Fraktion (40 CVP, 2 EVP, 1 CSP Oberwallis, 1 CSP Obwalden)	31	13	44
FDP-Liberale Fraktion	30	11	41
Grüne Fraktion	15	2	17
Grünliberale Fraktion	12	2	14
BDP-Fraktion	9	1	10
Total	200	46	246

October Quiz: October 18 is Election Day for the parliament in Switzerland. We have two chambers like the U.S.A. Similar to the US Senate, the Ständerat (Council of States) has 46 seats (two for each canton and one for each half canton), and similar to the US house, the Nationalrat (National Council) has 200 seats (distributed among the cantons simply according to the number of people, not by districts). So there is no gerrymandering, and all parliamentary seats are open to election every four years. Also, we have not two, but at least 10 parties, which are seated from left over center and green to right in the National Council as fractions, shown here for the current year 2015:

Question: What is the meaning of the acronyms for the four major parties: SVP, SP, CVP, FDP ?

Hint: This picture is taken from the official Swiss web site [Wahlen 2015](http://www.wahlen.ch), where you can find more details, partially in English.

Member's Corner

Ursula Reist and Andreas Pritzker are two Swiss authors who write and publish novels and mysteries set in Switzerland, particularly in Aargau and Zurich. If you enjoy fiction set in Switzerland you may be interested in their books which are available in both the original German and translated to English. You'll find more details (also excerpts) on their [website](http://www.munda.ch/) : <http://www.munda.ch/>

Swiss Club Events for 2015

October 10, 9am to 11am Kaffee Klatsch, La Madeleine, Rockville

October 18 Swiss Shooting Day

October 23, 7.00pm Swiss Club General Assembly, Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave, Washington D.C. Contact Eveline Roberts for questions, concerns, additions to the agenda, (3010 460-9571). Potluck; share your favorite dish!

November 8, 1:30 pm Jass Tournament at the Backus residence

November 14 Raclette Dinner at the Embassy, with Auction by the Swiss Benevolent Society

December 9 Grittibenz : Children make their own Grittibenz at the Swiss Bakery, Springfield VA

December 13 Samichlaus at the Embassy

Swiss Club General Assembly

The Board of the Swiss Club of Washington DC cordially invites you to attend its annual General Assembly. We appreciate your participation, input, ideas and suggestions!

We will go over this past year's activities, as well as review financial reports. We will elect new board members and discuss next year's events.

We invite all interested Swiss Club members to step forward and join the 2015 Executive Committee.

Are you interested in helping out? Please feel free to contact our president, EvelineRoberts eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org with any questions or concerns you may have.

When: Friday, October 23 at 07:00PM

Where: Embassy of Switzerland 2900 Cathedral Ave., Washington DC ([directions](#))

Food: Potluck, bring your favorite dish!

(Microwave available and the Swiss Club will provide drinks)

Check [our website](#) for updates

