

June 2016 Postillion by Eveline Roberts

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



President's message

Bonjour à tous,

Now that the Memorial Day weekend has ushered in the unofficial start of summer it's time for our annual visit to the Billy Goat Trail. It's a great hike which will reward you with spectacular views of the Potomac river. Everyone should do this hike at least once, all you need are some comfortable shoes (hiking boots or sneakers). Let us know if you are coming so we'll prepare enough food for the picnic.

The Jassers will meet mid-June, and we encourage new players to join the group. Then later this month two members have generously offered to host the coffee hour at their home. Please be sure to RSVP to Rosmarie since space is limited.

Our Swiss National Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 30. A registration e-mail will go out later this month. This is one event that requires lots of volunteers, so let me know if you can give us an hour or two of your time.

Enjoy the warm weather and maybe I'll see you on the Billy Goat Trail.

Eveline Roberts chvd@aol.com

Billy Goat Trail Hike on June 4th

Join us for a hike on Maryland's beautiful and thrilling Billy Goat Hiking Trail which offers great views of the Potomac River, especially in the Mather Gorge area.

Then we'll relax with food from the grill near the picnic pavilion at the Carderock Recreation Area. After our meet-up at 9 a.m. at the Anglers Inn parking 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'll 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. Those seeking a less challenging walk can hike parallel to the towpath, and meet up with the rest of us at the point where the "billy goats" come back out onto the towpath. 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 site at Carderock.

We will meet on Saturday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot across from the Old Anglers Inn on 10801 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac MD 20854.

Deadline to register is Thursday, June 2



Register Please contact Bernard Unti, [301-548-7707](tel:301-548-7707) (bernard.unti@swissclubdc.org) with any question.

3rd Jass Tournament

Sunday, June 12, at 1:30 pm

Where : Zipf residence

9516 Clement Road

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Please register by e-mail to [Rosmarie Suito](mailto:Rosmarie.Suito@jass.com) or call her at [301-460-9504](tel:301-460-9504)

Deadline to register is June 9

Jass Rules & Scoring can be [website](#)

We look forward to playing with you!



Swiss Club Kaffee Klatsch

Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9 to 12 noon

Hilaire and Ken have offered to prepare brunch and host the KK at their home at

6617 Morning Ride Circle

Kingstowne, VA 22315

Tel: [703-550-0563](tel:703-550-0563)

[Map](#)

Cost: \$10 per participant

PLEASE make sure you RSVP to

[Rosmarie Stucki](#) since space is limited. Telephone 202-572-8210



Save the date: Saturday, July 30 - Swiss National Day

Your board members hard at work organizing the First of August celebration....



Simone Schoch (1925 - 2016)

Simone Schoch (née Martin) passed away peacefully in her sleep of natural causes on May 20, 2016 at her home in Bethesda at the age of 90. She is survived by her four sons, Bernard, Claude, Jean-Jacques (J.J.), Eric, and their children.

Simone was born on July 19, 1925, in Lausanne, Switzerland. After she graduated from high school she decided she wanted to see the world and went to London. In 1948 she moved to the Washington, D.C., area where she met her future husband Jacques.



Simone and husband Jacques, President of the Swiss Club in 1969 and 1970

After marrying Jacques in Switzerland they then went to Seattle, and after a few years moved back to the D.C. area where Simone became very involved in several Swiss organizations. She belonged to the Swiss Benevolent Society, was president of the Stauffacherin, secretary of the Swiss Club, and attended most social functions at the Swiss Embassy.

With her love of music and the arts, Simone made sure all her children played musical instruments, participated in choirs, and were exposed to many concerts, plays, and cultures.

After her children graduated from school, Simone followed her dream to become an Art major and in the early 1980s graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor's degree in Art History. She then became a docent at the National Museum of Women in the Arts where she found great enjoyment both helping at the museum, and educating visitors on both the artists and their works.

Simone and her beloved husband Jacques traveled often to Switzerland and Europe in their retired years.

Quiz

Answer to the May Quiz: La Storta da Crusch (Die Kehre von Kreuz, The Turnaround from Cross) is a Swiss Folklore dance from the southern part of the canton of Graubünden. The turnaround is a Mazurka (hopping) step where the dancers turn from looking inside the circle to looking to the outside, and Crusch is the name of a small village in the lower Engadin. A nice sample is on [YouTube](#).

My [painting](#) is from a photo of a performance of this dance by the Swiss Folklore Group at the Swiss National Day. It's easy to learn, fun to dance, and we are looking for Swiss Club members to join the group, so we can do it again on the coming National Day celebration at the Swiss Embassy on Saturday, July 30, 2016. We even have the costumes (Trachten) for you. If interested, please email me (hau7600@gmail.com) (or leave a message at 301-572-5369) to get on the list of rehearsals (about one weekday evening per month at the Embassy).

June Quiz: On June 5 the Swiss will vote on five topics that are as hot as they are here. However, in the Swiss direct democracy they will not vote for or against some candidate being for or against it, but they will directly vote on the issues themselves. [Hint](#) (and really interesting reading, in English).

Swiss Club Events for 2016

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| June 4 | Billy Goat Trail hike |
| June 12 | Jass Tournament in Silver Spring, MD |
| June 25 | Kaffee Klatsch in VA |
| July 30 | Swiss National Day |
| September 18 | Shooting Day in Thurmont, MD with Swiss Rifles (new date) |
| October | General Assembly |
| November | Raclette |
| December | Grittibenz |