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– *Swiss Hotel Guide 1978*, valid from 1st
December, 1977 to 30th November,
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– *All-Inclusive Winter Holidays in
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Tour Operators.

– *Winter Sports Season Tickets*, (Official
Tariff 1977/78).

– *List "(W)international Switzerland"*,
containing the most important features
about the Swiss winter sports resorts.

– *Calendar of Events Winter 1977/78*,
including preview of summer events
1978.

– *Air Timetable U.K. – Switzerland*,
with rail connections, valid from 1st
November to 31st March.

– *Railway Connections London –
Switzerland*, winter timetable 25th
September – 27th May.

– *Car Conveyance through the Alpine
Tunnels*, listing prices and winter
timetable 25th September – 27th May.

– *Inclusive Arrangements for Skiers and
Ski Acrobats*.

– *Inclusive Arrangements for
Cross-Country Skiers and Ski Roamers*.
– *Inclusive Arrangements for Skaters,
Curlers and Non-Skiers*.

– *List "Ski-ing and Winter Sports
Guides"*, published in Great Britain.

– *Rates of Hire for Winter Sports
Equipment in Switzerland*.

– *Swiss Ski School Tariff*.

– *Swiss Winter Sunshine* (approximate
sunshine hours in resorts).

– *Artificial Ice Rinks in Switzerland*.

ENGADINE SKI MARATHON – 12th MARCH, 1978

Each year, at the beginning of
March, about ten thousand enthusiasts
gather in the Engadine area of
Switzerland to compete in the "Ski
Marathon", Switzerland's biggest cross-
country ski-ing event.

This season's event, the 10th
Engadine Ski Marathon, is open to those
born before 1958 and takes place on 12th
March, 1978. The route is Maloja
(5,960 ft); Isola; Sils; Surlej; Silvaplana;
St. Moritz; Pontresina; Samedan; Bever;
Zuoz; S-chanf (5,487 ft).

Applications must reach the
organisers by 1st February. Forms are
available from: 10th Engadine Ski
Marathon, 7514 Sils-Maria.

A special "Ski Marathon Training
Course" is organised from 6th to 11th
March for participants of the Engadine
Ski Marathon. The Course costs
Sw.Fr. 105. Enrolment: Langlaufschule
Celerina, 7505 Celerina.

DAVOS – CURLING WEEK

The Grand-Hotel Belvédère at
Davos-Platz is organising a special curling
week, in conjunction with the
Automobile Club of Switzerland.

Prices for the all-inclusive arrange-
ment start from Sw.Fr. 610 for seven
nights' accommodation with full board,
curling lessons, free use of the curling
rinks and the hotel's indoor swimming
pool. The Grand-Hotel Belvédère (220
beds) is a member of the "Leading Hotels
of Switzerland".

Information and bookings: Grand-
Hotel Belvédère, 7270 Davos-Platz.
Telephone: (083) 3 64 12. Telex: 74330,
or ACS-Reisen AG, Laupenstrasse 2,
3001 Berne. Telephone: (031) 25 08 44.
Telex: 32183.

"SKIVEE" – SEE YOURSELF SKI

A new colour video installation has
been opened at the top of the Furka lift
near the Parsenn Hut above Klosters/
Davos.

Operated daily, it will record a
skier's descent and then given an instant
playback which should help to improve
one's ski-ing ability.

FLÜELA PASS OPEN DURING WINTER

This winter the Flüela Pass road,
linking Davos with the Engadine, will
again be kept open for passenger traffic.
There will be a small toll charge.

MARBACH – NEW WINTER CAMPING SITE

A new camping site has been
opened at Marbach in the Entlebuch
(Central Switzerland). In addition to 30
equipped caravans on the site there is



room for holidaymakers' own caravans or
tents. With an aerial cableway and several
ski-lifts, Marbach and Escholzmatt are
ideal areas for winter sports.

MUERREN (5,414 ft), BERNESE OBERLAND

The former Palace Hotel has been
re-opened under the name "Palace
Sport-Hotel Muerren" (100 beds). All
rooms have private bathroom, radio and
telephone and are attractively furnished.
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meetings. The Palace Sport-Hotel will also
be open during the summer season.

RIEDERALP (6,234 ft), VALAIS

Two new chairlifts to Moosfluh and
Hohfluh will be in operation this winter



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with a capacity of 1,000 persons per hour each. The total capacity of the mountain transports as Riederalp has thus been increased to approximately 7,000 persons per hour.

SAAS-FEE (5,905 ft), VALAIS

A new aerial cableway with a total carrying capacity of 1,000 persons per hour will be opened this winter between Spielboden (8,036 ft) and Laengfluh (9,414 ft) above Saas-Fee.

SCUOL-TARASP-VULPERA (4,101 ft), GRISONS

From 23rd to 28th January, the Swiss Ski Team will have their final practice session for slalom and giant slalom before taking part in the Alpine World Ski Championships at Garmisch. Scuol-Tarasp-Vulpera will thus be offering this winter a special downhill ski run, slalom and giant slalom run, all approved by the International Ski Federation. The Swiss Alpine Junior Ski Championships will be held at Scuol from 10th to 12th February.

WITH STONE AND BROOM IN SWITZERLAND

The 1977/78 fixture list of the Swiss Curling Federation, which has its headquarters at Wildhaus in the Toggenburg region, contains more than 700 tournaments. About 300 of the contests will take place in the 15 larger

indoor curling rinks such as Arlesheim (near Basle), Berne, Biel, Grindelwald, Geneva, Lausanne, Thun and Wallisellen near Zürich. In Switzerland there are more than 90 winter sports resorts and towns in which curling enthusiasts can indulge in their hobby. Various resorts are also offering inclusive curling weeks this winter, e.g. Davos (to 12th March), Flims (to 5th February and 5th to 12th March), Lenzerheide (to 4th February) and Grindelwald (to 4th February).

DISCOVER SWITZERLAND BY EUROPABUS

The Swiss Postal Coach Passenger Service is again organising escorted tours from April to October, 1978. There are five different arrangements: "Swiss Jewels Tour" (2 days from Geneva from Sw.Fr. 260), "Swiss Highlights Tour" (3 days from Geneva from Sw.Fr. 390), "Swiss Alps and Lakes Tour" (4 days from Zürich from Sw.Fr. 550), "Alpine Adventure Tour" (7 days from Zürich or Geneva from Sw.Fr. 960). These tours include half-board in rooms with bath or shower.

Information and bookings: Swiss National Tourist Office, Group Travel Dept., 1 New Coventry Street, London W1V 3HG. Telephone: 01-734 4576, Telex: 21295.

800 YEARS LUCERNE - PACKAGE ARRANGEMENT

On the occasion of the 800th

anniversary of the foundation of Lucerne, a special package will be on offer throughout 1978. Prices start from Sw.Fr. 60 for two nights including bed and breakfast, welcome drink, free travel on all city buses, admission to the Swiss Transport Museum and to the Casino, documentation on Lucerne, price reductions for other museums and excursions in Central Switzerland, etc.

Highlights of the anniversary celebrations are the following events:

- Foundation Festival on 22nd/23rd April.
- City Festival on 1st July.
- Federal Costume Festival from 15th to 17th September.
- Youth Festival on 30th September.

Information and bookings: Offiziellies Verkehrsbuero, Pilatusstrasse 14, 6002 Lucerne, Switzerland. Telephone: (041) 22 52 22, Telex: 78677.

GSTAAD - INTERNATIONAL MENUHIN MUSIC ACADEMY

The foundation in the resort of Gstaad of the "International Menuhin Musical Academy" represents an important musical milestone. The aim of this institution is to give talented young musicians the opportunity, after the concert diploma, of receiving training as soloists and of gaining experience in chamber music and orchestral work. At the same time these artists form the nucleus of the "Camerata Lysy" which is to give concerts in Switzerland and other countries. The musical direction is in the hands of Yehudi Menuhin.

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