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LOCAL NEWS - SOUTHERN AFRICA



OFFICIAL NEWS.

--As will be noted at a first glance the Information pages for Southern Africa have a "New Look". We would like to thank the new editor for the initiative and at the same time thank Mrs. J. Schueck, for her work in the past. We would like to ask the readers of this Review to give their encouragement and full support by contributing News Items and picture material, for publication on a regular basis.

Please remember to inform your Consulate of any change of address so that you may receive the Review regularly. We wish you pleasant reading.

--Die 57 Auslandschweizertagung findet statt vom 24. bis 26. Aug. in Porrentruy, der Hauptstadt des neuen Kanton Jura. Landsleute die sich während dieser Zeit in der Heimat aufhalten und an der Tagung teilnehmen möchten, das Thema ist: "Entwurf fuer eine neue Bundesverfassung", bitten wir sich mit den beiden offiziellen Vertretern der Neuen Helvetischen Gesellschaft fuer Southern Africa, in Verbindung zu setzen, die gerne weitere Auskunft erteilen:

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--Swiss Review (June issue) Closing Date 7th May please send all material to Box 3364, Johannesburg, 2000.

Liebe Leser Dear Readers

Vorerst ein paar Worte in einer der offiziellen Landessprachen der Schweiz, und dies zeigt gleich ein Problem: wenn wir hier fair sein würden und allen vier Landessprachen den gleichen Platz einräumen, dann würden uns die zur Verfügung stehenden Lokalseiten keineswegs ausreichen! Wir möchten lieber den Platz verwenden um alle die interessanten Informationen an die Leser weiterzugeben.

Außerdem sollen auch Leser zweiter Generation Schweizer an der Lektüre teilhaben können und auch für unseren lokalen Drucker wird die Arbeit leichter sein, wenn wir die meisten Artikel in Englisch veröffentlichen werden. Wir sind sicher dass Sie dafür Verständnis haben werden. Wir möchten aber speziell festhalten, dass Korrespondenz in jeder der Sprachen an uns gerichtet werden kann.

During last years Congress of the Neue Helvetische Gesellschaft in Einsiedeln "Information of the Swiss Abroad" and the Swiss Review in particular were discussed. Many useful suggestions were made, one of them was that at least once a year, each Swiss Association and its activity, should be brought to the attention of the Readers of the Review. As you might know the Review is distributed to all Swiss registered at the Consulate. It is therefore an important communication media, and should be used to the fullest by the various Associations to keep in touch with the compatriots in their area.

The build up of our "LOCAL NEWS" is such that during the whole year, and this means, in four quarter yearly issues, enough space will be available to publish material sent to the Editor.

The name of the "Contact", Person or Association is also given for each centre and they will be only too pleased to let you have further details on specific events near you.

The newly created column of "Readers Letters" will enable every reader to make his or hers personal contribution.

Lets see the real spirit of Swiss Solidarity and make the "Southern Africa Local News" a Showpiece of the Swiss Review worldwide and so even give Bern a pleasant surprise!!

For the first time an opportunity is given to businesses to advertise their services to many thousands of readers at a very reasonable rate. We ask you also here for your support. Send us details of your entries now! We hope that this guide will be expanded with each issue of the Review.

We thank you for your support and co-operation.

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Your Editor

Cape Town Galling

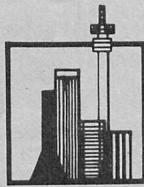
**SWISS CONSULATE (021) 22-1594
SWISS SOCIAL AND SPORTS CLUB
Stephan Way, Greenpoint.
Box 2279 (021) 44-8405 or 45-5025**

COMMUNITY CHEST CARNIVAL
8-10 March are the dates for this big event held at Maynardville, and the Swiss Community is pleased to take part once again. Our thanks go also here to all the willing helpers.

SOCCER
The season has started, new players always welcome. Training every Tuesday & Thursday at the Club ground, Greenpoint. For the first time our Club will also take part in the 5-a-side Soccer competition held at the Good Hope Centre.

CANTONAL EVENINGS
Usually held on the last Saturday of the month at our Club House, always a great success.

1st AUGUST CELEBRATION.
As in the past a Dinner/Dance will be held on the actual date (this year a Wednesday). Details will follow.
New members to our Club are always welcome, please contact us, we have so much to offer at our homes at Greenpoint and at Jonkershoek (Stellenbosch).



JOHANNESBURG

SWISS CONSULATE GENERAL
(011) 838-5102

SWISS SOCIETY HELVETIA
Le Roux Avenue, Box 398,
Halfway House, 1685. 805-3152/53

The activities of the Society are covered fully in their monthly Club Bulletin and we would here like to give a glimpse of the highlights. Your participation at these events is invited and it will be a good way to find out more about the "Swiss Social Life" on the Rand!

PROGRAMME 1979

April 7. GUGGEFESCHT
April 15 Easter from 1p.m. Eierauflesest, Buebeschwinget, a great Day for the Family at the Club.
May 5 Swiss Male Choir Concert - Carlton Hotel
May 26 Skittling Mario Mai Cup
Juli 1 GSNA Lotto Match
Juli 29 1st Aug. National Day Celebration at the Club.

SWISS HISTORY. Please remember! Copies of our first Edition still available at R0,50c, can also be sent in big value Postage stamps. Also all information now urgently required for our next edition planned for 1st Aug. 1979. Send urgently to Swiss Chronology Box 3626, Johannesburg, 2000.

GUGGEFEST
Sat 7th April, at 8.00 p.m.
at the Swiss Club, Halfway House
by
SWISS FESTIVAL SOCIETY
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Kostumeball
Grosse Verlosung*
Price: R3,50 per person.



NATAL

SWISS CLUB NATAL
Box 1220, Durban, 4000.
Phone: F. Waldburger

(031) 42-2141 (Bus.) / 94-2225 (Res.)

A small, but always very active Swiss Colony in this beautiful Province by the Sea and the Mountains. Some great traditions too. i.e. Schwingen was competed on 1st August in Natal, long before it became an organised sport in South Africa.

A look at the coming events shows:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sat. 24th March, at the Cabana Beach Hotel, Umhlanga Rocks where our compatriot Willy Zurschmied will play host. Some important points on the agenda - and all members old and new are invited to attend, the social part will also be a highlight of the evening.

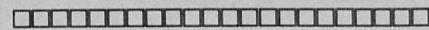
Rifle Shooting

Sat. 3rd March and Sat 7th April are the next two dates where we meet at the Hammersdale Shooting Range.

1. Aug Celebrations

Louis and Fay Zimmermann have been our hosts for many years at their beautiful farm in Cato Ridge, and this year we hope to meet there again. The date to reserve is Sunday 29th July. But more details to follow.

--We extend a welcome to all our compatriots which may not yet have been at one of our functions. Please come along - you will be most welcome.



LATE NEWS LATE NEWS LATE

-- CABARET --

at the Swiss Club-Johannesburg
on Tuesday 10th April, 1979
at 7.30 p.m.

Walter Roderer - Ruth Jecklin

on a visit direct from Switzerland

AGM Swiss Club Johannesburg
16th February, 1979.

a very lively and interesting Meeting with some "inflated" speeches and even some "deflated" car tyres! *Congratulations to our new Chairman 'Karl Schmutz'!*

AGM Swiss Social & Sports Club, Cape Town - 15th Feb.

John Detting elected Chairman - more details will follow.

-- Fulltime kitchen supervisor --
Barmaid employed as from
1st March, 1979.



SWISS MALE CHOIR
CONCERT -
DINNER - DANCE
1979

CARLTON HOTEL, Saturday 5th May, 1979
at 7.30 p.m.

This Social event of the Swiss Community in Johannesburg is now open for bookings.

Ticket includes dinner - only R10,00 per person.
Reserve your seats at Kuoni Travel, Delvers Square, Kerk Street, Johannesburg.

Performance by Swiss Male Choir and the first time ever by the Choeur Romand, Fantastic Tombola
5 Star Dinner and lots of Dancing!

The Swiss Male Choir,
the Swiss Society
wishes their
Hon. Member
Mrs. E. Thalmann
all the best
on her
Birthday.



As there are not many of our compatriots in this part of South Africa we are giving two contact addresses which we hope will lead to the occasional get together a Jassabend perhaps, or even to be very ambitious the first ever 1. Aug. Feier! So please get in touch with the undermentioned.

We are looking forward to some interesting stories coming to us, from the Land of Mealies and Diamonds.

The contact addresses are:

Peter Egli c/o Hotel Kimberley Box 635 Kimberley Phone (0531) 31751 and Mrs. Hedy Relling, 2 Carel Cilliers Street, Kroonstad, 9500. Phone: (01411) 22-846.



PRETORIA

SWISS EMBASSY (012) 74-7788

Schweizer Klub Alpina
240 Pongola Ave., Sinoville, 0182.
Phone: H. Giger (012) 57-2184.

Recently passed away - Heinrich Georg Freitag at the age of over 93. Mr. Freitag was Chairman of our Club for many years in the 1920/30's. We express our condolences to the family.

Yes Alpina was at one time one of the most active Swiss Clubs in South Africa. In fact founded in 1898, it certainly had during the time of Sir Arnold Theiler at Onderste-poort some highlights which linger on even today in the memories of many! The social spirit of that time is still there and any function organised by Alpina is a happy gathering.

We therefore invite all Swiss in our area to contact us. A look at the coming events shows:

Mitte März	Wochenendausflug mit Lagerfeuer Ziel wird noch bekanntgegeben
Mai	Dinner Dance
28. Juli	1. Augustfeier, mit Schwingfest im Fountains Valley
Oktober	Auto-Rally
Datum folgt	Schützenfest
1. Dezember	Weihnachtsfeier
	St. Columbos Church Hall
Schiessen	wie bisher immer am 1. Sonntag des Monats



PORT ELIZABETH EASTERN CAPE

Peter Luescher c/o SAGEX

Box 2368, Port Elizabeth.

Phone: (041) 62722.

Bernhard Rauber, Optometrist

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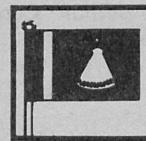
Phone (0431) 21023.

Two centres where Swiss have been present for a long time even if not in great numbers. P.E. of course had through the generosity of Mr. Portman even its own Club venue, at his House in Kamma road, where many a Jass was played and 1. of Aug. celebrated, and it is the wish this year that again our National Day might be celebrated, with a get-together, therefore contact Peter Luescher - he will be pleased to hear from you and also try to organise any other functions. The same wish has also been expressed by the East London-Swiss, and also here the appeal is to get in touch with your contact man.

By the way did you know that the founder and first curator of the famous East London Aquarium was a Swiss? It was Dr. Nanni, and the year 1931.

Schiessen mit Sturmgewehr und Karabiner findet regelmaessig auf der Hamman-Skietbaan (Akademia) statt und die Daten der naechsten Treffen sind. Sa. 17. Maerz und Sa. 21. April

Dann ist natuerlich auch eine grosse 1. Augustfeier geplant die am So. 29. Juli stattfinden wird. Genaue Details folgen noch, jedoch sind zu dieser Feier wirklich alle Schweizer und vor allem die Kinder herzlich eingeladen. Gemuetliche Hocks am Stammtisch im Thueringerhof, mit Jassen und dem "occasional" Kegelabend finden ebenfalls statt.



LESOTHO

Daniel Strassburger Innkeeper - Holiday Inn Maseru - Phone (0501) 22434

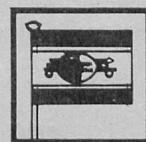
With a Swiss as Innkeeper it is not wonder that in May 1978 a real 'Swiss week' with Swiss Gastronomy and Folklore, Yodel, Alphorn Fahnenschwingen (imported from Johannesburg) was held in Maseru. Some of our compatriots, came as far as from Roma (still in Lesotho) to enjoy the Swiss week.

Lesotho a country with lots of mountains and real snow in winter is the favourite holiday place for many of the younger immigrants, and they and any Swiss visitor to Lesotho are always welcome to get in touch with the above address.



Schweizer Klub Südwesafrika
Box 952, Windhoek, 9110.
Tel. (061) 34177 mornings
Tel. (061) 41562 afternoons

Von der immer sehr aktiven freundlichen Praesidentin des Suedwester Schweizer Klubs haben wie folgende Höhepunkte des 1979 Vereinsprogrammes erhalten mit einem Aufruf an die Landsleute in SWA sich mit der obengenannten Adressen in Verbindung zu setzen und einige gemuetliche Stunden an den Anlaessen des Klubs zu verbringen.



SWAZILAND

Juerg Leuzinger or Marc Aebi c/o Holiday Inns Mbabane (0194) 61101

In one of the true traditions of Switzerland most our compatriots in this beautiful country work in the Hotelery business. And they also receive regularly the issues of this edition of the Swiss Review. We are sure they have many an interesting tale to tell about their activities there and we are looking forward to receiving some news from time to time.



RHODESIA

SWISS CLUB SALISBURY
Arnott Road, Cranborne, Box 3761,
Salisbury Phone (01910) 84461

Saturday, 27th January, saw our now traditional Maskenball (Fancy Dress Ball), well attended as usual and with a growing number of quite attractive and original "Masken". There were a number of worthy, if not wealthy, Oriental gentlemen, and a few rather noisy types from the Rhygass or thereabouts. Accompanied and spurred on by popular music generously provided by our "Capt'n Joe", the happening went on into the early (or rather "later") hours of the morning, only interrupted by a delicious "Chässchnitte" around midnight.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, 24th February. The Easter holidays will again see some good food on our menu. The Clubhouse will remain open throughout the holidays, and a special evening programme will be arranged for Saturday night. Easter Sunday will be devoted to our children, with a big egg-painting do on the go.

The traditional Swiss National Day will be celebrated on 4th August, with a pig on the spit, lampion parade, fireworks and a huge bonfire.

October and November will again be reserved for our annual Jass championship with very attractive prizes.

Father Christmas will arrive early in December, and we think of celebrating New Year's Eve together with as many compatriots as possible.

Visitors from other parts of Africa or elsewhere are always welcome and will certainly feel at home. Please contact us on arrival or whenever you feel lonely.

The Editor of this Review appeals especially to the Swiss in and around Bulawayo please let us have a contact address and the occasional contribution to this column.



Readers letters

This is your column, and your opportunity to take an active part. We are looking forward to the first letters to be sent to Swiss Review, Box 3364, Johannesburg, 2000. Please remember, your full Name and Address must be given but a "Nom de Plume" can be used for publication. The editor reserves the right of publication. All material remains the property of the Review.

Swiss Enterprises

(BUSINESS NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST)



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R. RITTER

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From the start in this country, purely as a bulk cement transport company, Stag has come a long way and it is no overstatement that the company's initial successes encouraged other competitors to establish themselves. At present there is a whole industry based on the pneumatic handling technology in South Africa.

Stag's clients come from as broad a field as civil engineering contractors, cement and lime manufacturers, the mining industry, fertilizer producers, chemical industries, raw material processing industries and food and feed producers.

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