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Nouvelles locales/Lokalnachrichten

Ottawa

Swiss Club Ottawa Valley

December is time to observe traditions. The Club is organizing a family Christmas party in the afternoon of December 18, at the Jack Purcell Community Centre, 320 Elgin Street. There will be a theatrical play especially with children in mind. Coffee and hot chocolate will be served, along with the home-made baked goods that members bring to share. And if we are all good, Santa might drop in...

Early in the New Year, the Club holds its Annual General Meeting. This year - 1984 that is - will be the 30th anniversary. Come and show your interest; bring your ideas. The place is easy to find, centrally-located: at the Four Seasons Hotel, 150 Albert street. Date: February 4, 1984.

In the meantime: Happy New Year to all!

For further information regarding Club activities:

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Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5R3

Vancouver

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Organization

The Swiss Society of Vancouver has approximately 500 members and is organized as an umbrella organization for 4 specific interest groups (Sections):

- The Swiss Choir
- The Outdoors Club
- The Vancouver Crossbow Association
- The Swiss Canadian Athletic Club

The Society is directed by an elected Executive, however, each Section has its own Executive and manages its own affairs.

The Society collects membership fees, co-ordinates the entertainment program, organizes several dances, the National Day Celebra-

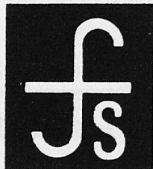
tion, the Annual Dinner-Dance, and publishes the «Swiss Herald» (a Society Newsletter). The various Sections endeavour to put annually at least one social event for the Swiss Community at large.

Major Events in 1983

On June 4th, the Swiss Choir presented its Annual Concert and Dance at the Hellenic Centre in Vancouver. The Austrian Choir was invited as guest. The event drew about 500 people and ended as a big party early next morning. Both choirs performed superbly and were awarded warm applause and appreciation by the audience.

On June 11th, the Athletic Club organized its annual «Gruempeltturnier» attended by 32 teams, 118 soccer players and about 100 fans.

On July 30th, the Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association and the Swiss Society of Vancouver organized jointly the Swiss National Day Celebration, at the Swiss Chalet in Coquitlam. This evening saw about 600 people enjoy the speech by Mr. P. Vigny, Consul General of Switzerland, the bonfire, the sing-along and dance and the good food, of course.



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On October 22, 1983, the Swiss Society will organize a Dinner-Dance in honor of Mr. P. Vigny, Consul General of Switzerland, who is retiring by end of this year. The evening will be held at the Canyon Gardens, North Vancouver – a place to the liking of many Swiss. We expect a sold-out event (350 max.).

The Christmas party is planned for December 3rd and will be held at the «North Shore Winter Club»; it will be a new experience for our members.

Invitation

Any Swiss Newcomer to Vancouver or Fraser Valley area is cordially invited to join our Society and our Sections. For further information contact us at the above address or via the Swiss Consulate. For fast action phone: Joe Mueller, President 732-6213
Max Bischof, Membership & Athletic Club 985-2238
Ueli Bleiker, Choir 299-2792
Walter Burki, Crossbow Assoc. 274-2094
Andres Schneiter, Outdoors Club, 467-1651
Joe Mueller, President

The Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association

P. O. Box 69206, Station K, Vancouver, B. C. V5K 4W4

On the July 29-31 week-end, we hosted the B. C. Summer Games-Rifle Competitions. It was a tremendous success. A more complete report with picture will appear in the next issue.

When in Vancouver, visit us at the Mountain Range.

M. Spycher, 581-2164
Secretary

Canadian Crossbow Association

3. World Championship 1983 – Bad Homburg, Germany

It is one thing to decide to go to the World Championship, it is another to achieve the goals set. After the experiences of 2 years ago in Arosa, when the team returned with a lot of disappointed faces, it was decided to find a coach and go well prepared to Bad Homburg, Germany. The coach, Christian Vetterli, from Switzerland, made 2 trips to Vancouver for training sessions of 2 weeks each and before the actual competition we met in Switzerland for a week of intensive training and matches against Clubteams. When we finally travelled to Bad Homburg, we were ready both mentally and physically.

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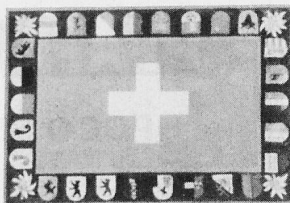
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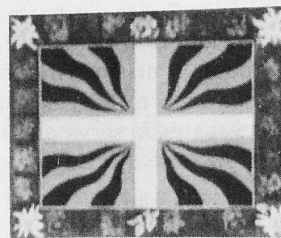
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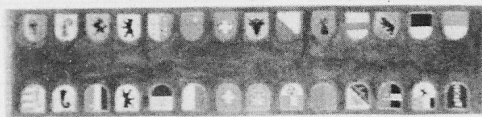
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At last!

The shooting facility in Bad Homburg is located in a beautiful sport Centre comprising athletic and soccer fields, equestrian centre, minigolf, tennis. The shooting facility has a 10 m indoor range and a combination 30 m, 50 m range. For the World Championship a special 30 m range was built.

Regulations are a big part of this level of competition and in order that no one gains an advantage, all equipment is inspected and marked. It was rather funny to see one of the German competitors having to rip part of his shoe support off (he still won the gold medal in standing) or one of our shooters remove the extra row of buttons on his shooting jacket. Rules are rules.

After all delegations arrived, 14 nations were present, an official opening ceremony marked the beginning of the World Championship. This was a well organized event, with marching bands, ma-



J. Morach, A. Eicher, E. Doebeili, C. Vetterli, A. Lander, T. Lander, M. Spycher

jorettes and bugle corp. The speeches as usual were far too long.

The competition is broken down as follows:

- 10 m – 20 shots
- Prize of Bad Homburg
- 10 m – 40 shots

- World Championship Team and individual combined
- 30 m – 15 shots
- each Standing & Kneeling
- Prize of Bad Homburg
- 30 m – 30 shots
- each Standing & Kneeling

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Obviously, when one participates at this level of competition, one has to be realistic about it's goals. Our team scores were improved

by over 100 points in both competitions and in Alois Lander we had the seventh best Crossbowman in the World. For all the other members of the team, Erwin Doebele, Bert Eicher, Theres Lander, Joe Morach, Markus Spycher, it will no doubt remain a beautiful experience. In 2 years the Championship will be held in Holland.

Results:

30 m

1. Switzerland	Points 2882
2. Germany	2859
3. France	2823
9. Canada	2628

10 m

1. Germany	1540
2. Switzerland	1527
3. Austria	1524
8. Canada	1402

Markus Spycher

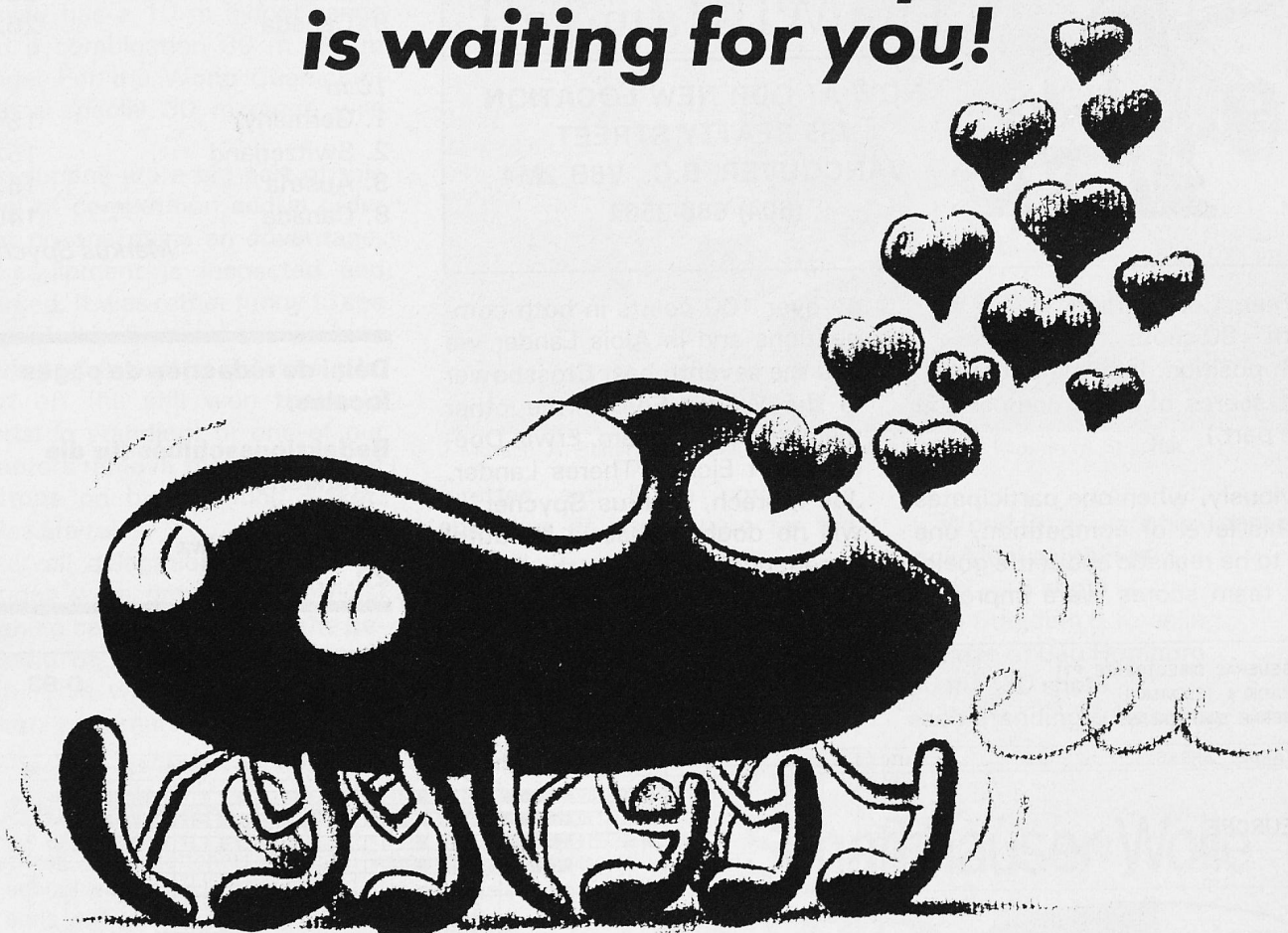
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