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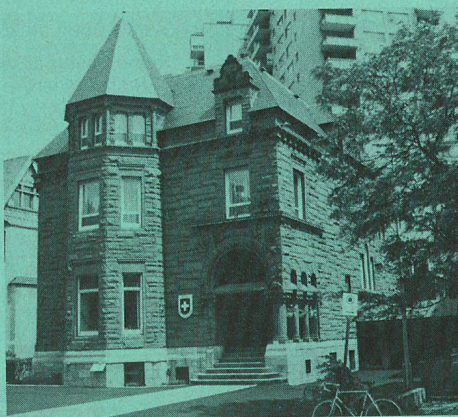


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Le 20 octobre 1990, l'ECS réouvrait ses portes pour la troisième année consécutive. Lors de notre dernière assemblée générale, plusieurs parents ont profité de l'occasion pour y inscrire leurs enfants; ce qui a considérablement augmenté le groupe d'étudiants aux cours réguliers. En ce qui concerne les cours d'allemands aux adulte, étant donné le nombre de personnes intéressées, il y aura donc deux groupes soit le mardi soir, et le samedi matin.

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### Mémoires d'un homme libre

*Tel est le titre de l'autobiographie du pasteur Claude de Mestral parue dans la collection "Témoignage" aux éditions Méridien, Montréal.*

Observateur et analyste de la scène internationale, voyageur intrépide et avisé, Claude

de Mestral déploie une intense vigueur qui le caractérise. Né en Suisse en 1903, il exerce avec loyauté sa profession de journaliste et d'éducateur sur quatre continents. Son inoubliable rencontre en Inde avec Gandhi, en 1926, le marque profondément. Il établit un dialogue en Afrique du Sud avec Alan Paton, auteur de "My beloved Country". Il croise Martin Luther King aux États-Unis et récemment Mu'ammarr Kadhafi, en Afrique du Nord. Au N.P.D. et en politique municipale, Claude de Mestral poursuit inlassablement son travail de réformateur. Ses fréquentes interventions dans les médias contribuent à alimenter les débats majeurs de ce temps.

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*Claude de Mestral est décédé à Montréal en 1989.*

### Projet Video 700

Le Comité de Montréal pour la célébration du 700<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la Confédération a décidé de mettre à disposition des élèves suisses du Québec et des Provinces atlantiques un kit de présentation de la Suisse. Il s'agit de permettre aux écoliers et étudiants de préparer un exposé sur leur pays d'origine destiné à être présenté à leurs camarades de classe.

Ce kit sera composé d'une cassette vidéo VHS qui sera remise en prêt, d'un certain nombre de brochures et posters destinés à la classe et à la bibliothèque de l'école ainsi que des feuilles d'information plus élaborées pour l'enseignant. Il est probable que la cassette vidéo ne soit disponible qu'à partir du 2<sup>e</sup> semestre 1991.

Les élèves, parents ou enseignements intéressés sont priés d'adresser le talon ci-dessous avant fin janvier 1991 au *Consulat général de Suisse*

### Video 700 Project

It has been decided by the Montreal committee for the 700th anniversary of the Confederation to offer a kit of information about Switzerland to Swiss students living in Quebec and in the Atlantic Provinces.

This kit shall include a VHS video cassette (as a loan) together with posters and folders

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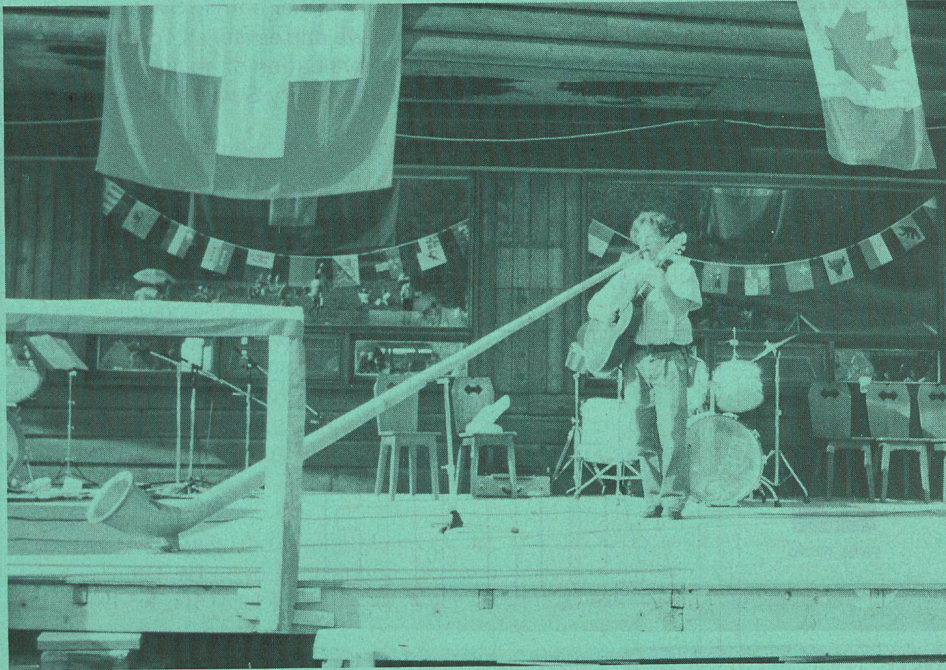
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## Toronto

### The Swiss Club of Manitoba

I hope everyone had a great summer and a wonderful holiday. I know it is sad to see the warm weather go away since we all know the long cold season is just a couple of steps behind.

This brings me to recall the summer events we had with the Swiss Club of Manitoba. The 1<sup>st</sup> August was held at the Kamer's Farm in Clandeboye. It was a great pleasure to see all of you there. Due to unfortunate circumstances, the Folklore Group from Switzerland was unable to come one week earlier to participate at our 1<sup>st</sup> of August Celebration. Even though this was the case, the turn out was excellent and the weather had a great deal to do with our success. I have to give Ed Kamer and Joe Kamer and their families a big thank you for all the preparations they did for us. Ed Kamer did a great job of organizing the target shooting, the bonfire and fireworks. Thank you for a job well done.

Many thanks go to all the Committee Members for helping everywhere when needed. It was nice to see people from the USA from across Canada and visitors from Switzerland. For me, this is what the 1<sup>st</sup> of August is all about: coming together, enjoying good conversation, excellent food, and the great

hospitality of the Kamer family, with good old fashioned music from Switzerland.

Folklorama took place on August 5-11 for the first week and 12-18, the second week. The Majestic Alps Pavilion was operating in the first week. This year was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Folklorama and just the second year for the Majestic Alps Pavilion. There are many thanks in order. A very special thank you has to go to Fritz Saurer for the great job he did in organizing all volunteers. Also, thank you Fritz and the St. John's Music Shop for helping us to replace the sound system. A big tip of the hat has to go to Eva Rotzetter, Fritz Saurer and Toni and Edith Schoen for opening their homes for our Swiss Folklore Group. I know they all had a very enjoyable time with you here in Winnipeg. Thank you for the great hospitality you showed our guests.

A very special thank you has to go to Edith Schoen and Margarit Mannhart for putting a most educational Cultural Display together at the hall. The compliments received from all of the people speak for a great job well done. Many thanks go to Fred Stalder for arranging and managing our Swiss Bouchee and Raclette cheese. Also, a great thank you has to go to the Westin inn Management for

allowing their cooks to do our Bouchee filling for us. Last, but not least, many thanks go to all volunteers for helping us during the week of August 5-11. Without you, we would not have had the success we had this year.

Our Youth Ambassador, Veith Mannhart, did a most outstanding job. I was very proud to see that he helped wherever help was needed. I hope one of these years he can be our Senior Ambassador. Thank you, Veith Mannhart, for a job well done.

Also, many thanks go to our News Media Contact Chairperson, Toni Schoen, for his help and effort.

The Folklore Group from Thun, Switzerland, Caspar Kunz, Manager; Sonya Aebi, Freddy Fuchs, Kurt Schmid, Hans Peter Reichmuth, provided us with most entertaining Folks music from Switzerland. To all of you once again, many thanks for all you have done for us. The music, friendship and "Gemütlichkeit" you gave us was much appreciated and will be remembered for a very long time. For this I thank you very much and hope to see you again soon at the Majestic Alps Pavilion in Winnipeg.

With great appreciation and many thanks to all of you that helped us to make the Majestic Alps Pavilion an outstanding week.

Your Assistant Coordinator of the Majestic Alps Pavilion and President of the Swiss Club of Manitoba

*Urs Eng*





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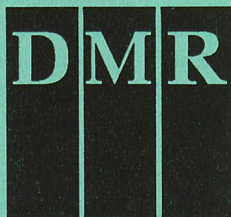
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## 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary license plate covers

The "Steering Committee CH 91" comprised of members of Toronto's Swiss Community is planning a series of cultural events during next year's 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is heavily involved in the organisation

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The Covers make for excellent presents and are offered to all readers at a price of \$ 10 per copy plus \$ 1 each for mailing and handling costs. Special group pricing is available for Swiss Clubs and Organisations at \$ 7.50 per copy for minimum orders of 50 plates (plus mailing charges).

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## Saskatchewan

### Swiss Club Saskatoon

We ended our summer program with a pleasant barbecue. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and presented us with one of the coolest drizzly days. The meat grilling had to be done under the roof of a garage and the meeting took place indoors, in the Grassmanor's house. In spite of the weather, we had a wonderful big turnout of cheerful people. And even though the place became crowded, judging from the looks on their faces, everybody enjoyed themselves including the children who were huddled around the video games. Our youngest club member, six-week-old Samuel Andrews, was brought along by his proud parents. He was the object of a great deal of admiration and in turn he rewarded us with his best behavior. As a big surprise, just as we were ready to begin, our oldest compatriot, ninetytwo-year-old Oswald Igini from the town of Bigger, walked in the door. That is how we ended up with a meeting of the oldest and the youngest Saskatchewan Swiss and with Oswald looking Samuel in the eye and wishing him a good long life.

We all treasured talking with Oswald Igini, who is recovering really well from a lengthy stay in hospital. He was his spirited self, well informed of the current political affairs and ready as usual with his well thought-through opinions. Further good recovery, Oswald!

We also look back on a good First of August celebration. As is now tradition, it took place on the weekend after, on Saturday, August 1. By the shine of the stars and the



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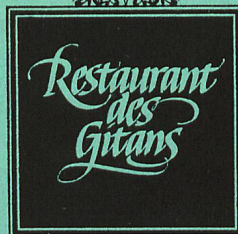
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red shimmer of the Swiss lights we listened to the much appreciated speech addressed to the Swiss Abroad by the current president of the confederation, Mister Arnold Koller. This was also the first time we used our newly extended song sheets. We know we are no perfect choir, but anybody would be hard up to match the feelings which go into our rendition of "Trittst im Morgenrot daher". Of course, we must not forget that, as in past years, we received reinforcement

from visiting singers from Switzerland, some of whom have marvelous voices. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 1990 Jassmeister. This year Rosmarie Eilinger and John Suter earned the titles. We are proud of them. A sincere thank-you goes to Rosmarie and Leo Eilinger who hosted the cheerful Jass-competition and also to Louise Zimmer who opened her house for the very pleasant Raclette Evening before. The generosity of

the hosts had a lot to do with the success of these meetings. Indeed, we felt very comfortable and right at home.

*Louise Grassmann*

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## Vancouver

### Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association

We have enjoyed this year so far. Not only the pleasant weather but also the successful trip to Switzerland contributed to a very pleasant season. Our shooting competitions, Waldfest, National Day and Jass gatherings were not only enjoyed by many members and non-members but had a definite impact on our trip to Switzerland.

The main purpose of our trip was to compete in the ESF at Winterthur and of our group of 41 there were 21 shooters. Despite the annoyance of using various ranges our shooters managed to garner an impressive

number of medals including not only five "Meisterschaft" but also winning the "Ausland Sektion", as well as placing quite high in the Swiss Sections in both the rifle and pistol. It was very gratifying to see so many Swiss turn out for the «Ausland Sektion» to cheer us on and we wish to thank them for their support, which contributed so much to our success.

There was much visiting with friends and relatives both before and after the ESF in order to take full advantage of these all too infrequent contacts. The major travelling was

done by the three Canadian and one American club members who accompanied us – it is doubted that there is little of Switzerland that they did not cover while taking advantage of the wonderful weather we enjoyed there.

This being my second trip to Switzerland, a comparison is inevitable to the first, when I attended the ESF at Chur in 1985. The organization of the Winterthur ESF seemed to have been of a higher level although to be honest the facilities at Chur were much better than at Winterthur. Even so, there seemed to be a lot of non-cooperation between the various factions resulting in a lot of confusion. Having said that, it must still be acknowledged that, given the number of people involved in organizing and running the competition and the number of shooters taking part, a good job was done.

I was surprised at how expensive this trip turned out to be in comparison with the last one (even allowing for the change in the exchange rate). I also noticed an apparent change in the attitude of people. I met many very enjoyable people but also some younger ones with an expression of unhappiness with non obvious reasons which seemed to manifest itself with an "our enjoyment is primary, then comes consideration of others" attitude. This was confirmed during a conversation with the owner of a store on Limmatquai in Zürich who said that it was extremely difficult to hire personnel they could rely on running the shop properly, so the owners could take holidays. The owner of a hotel in Chur explained me that his hotel was closed at the height of the summer tourist season because the staff insisted that they have their vacations in the summer – all at the same time. Unbelievable to a Canadian!

Regardless, the trip was enjoyable to the extent that a few of us are tentatively planning a return in 1991 to participate in a few of the matches that will undoubtedly be held at the club and Kantonal level in celebration of the



*The two team captains G. Hirsig and F. Model*





Winners of the «Auslandschweizer competition».

700<sup>th</sup> year of the Confederation. The majority of the Swiss people are a pleasure indeed to meet, the scenery is fantastic, travelling very easy and efficient and language problems minimal, making the decision easier.

## Two last comments!

Considering the amount of pre-planning required by Ausländer attending an EFS (as some companies require as much as a year's notice as to when someone will be taking its vacation) it would be greatly appreciated to

inform Ausland clubs of the date and location of an EFS as soon as this is established to allow us more time for our planning. Hotels that invest in efficient air-conditioning would find, I bet, that the cost would be more than offset by an increase in patronage.

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## Jass Worldchampionship 1991

The first round was played September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Chalet. 40 players took part.

It was a fun evening.

The winners of the pre round are:

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| 1. Merkli, Benni   | points 4267 |
| 2. Hidber, Oscar   | points 4164 |
| 3. Reymond, Claude | points 4129 |
| 4. Morach, Joe     | points 4079 |

Runner up was Buechi Ruedi with 4070 points.

The final game to determine who will go to Switzerland will be played shortly and we wish them all good luck.

Thank you to all the organizers who made this tournament possible.

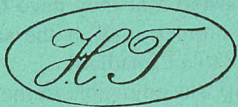
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