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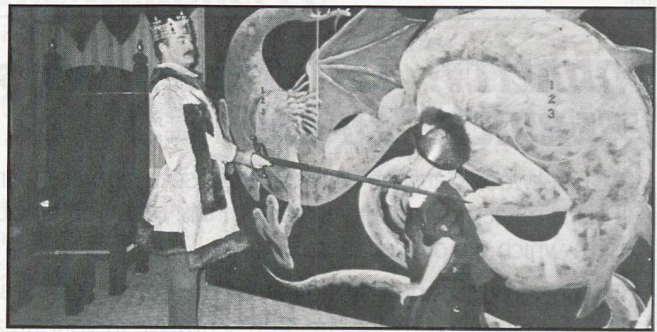
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Some longtime executive members were awarded the Verdienstmedaille of the SSV for their many years (15+) of contribution in

running the club. Honored were Eliane Brugger, Gerhard Hirsig and Markus Spycher. The silver medal awarded for this honor is engraved with the person's name and comes in a nice presentation case.

1993 again promises to be a busy year. Our outdoor shooting will begin at the end of March and finish late in October. We have received a number of requests from Swiss clubs, who will visit us during the summer.



Bernhard Burgler Christine Wiebe Bernhard Merkli

Come All Yeoman – Strong of Arm – short of charm??? Take aim at ye King's Bullrings. But all good times must come to an end. The Lords and Ladies marched to the Banquet table, where each of them could drink from a Silver Goblet. But before the feast could start, a ceremony must take place. The six champion Crossbowers must be rewarded with handsome Swiss Crossbow Shooting medals. This is not the End. The present keeper of the Holy Grail, Walter of Richmond, offered a drink of Wine to the sponsor of the Evening. Mind you, the original Holy Grail is still missing, but to take a sip of wine from a 150 year old shooting cup is a bit of an honour too. Most of these cups are rest-

ing in Swiss Museums. The Swiss Crossbowers were: Lady Elisabeth of Culloden, the score keeper, Lady Christine of Abbotsford, the camcorder. The two Bernhards of Wettingen, coaches and Cornelius of Matsqui, Guardian.

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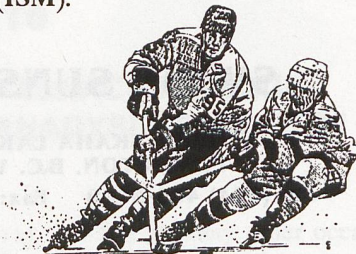
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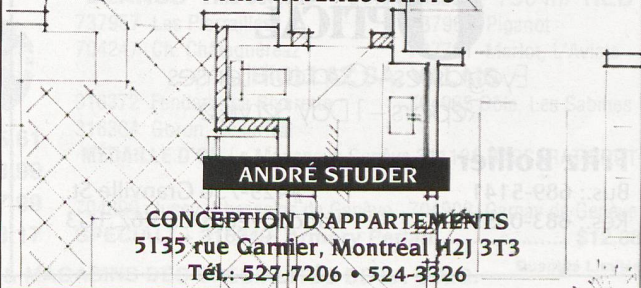
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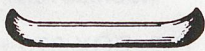


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Oswald Igini †

In 1992 we lost an important member of the Swiss Club of Saskatoon, Oswald Igini. He was one of the strongest supporters of the club right from its beginning. This eventually earned him the title and status of Honorary Member.

Oswald came to Saskatchewan from Montreux at the age of seventeen. As a true western pioneer he took a homestead and then farmed all his life. With his Swiss-

born wife Alice he raised nine children, had 16 grandchildren and, as he used to say, dozens of great-grandchildren, thirty-one in all. Before he died at the age of 93 years he even saw his first great-great grandchild.

Oswald was blessed with an extraordinarily alert mind taking a lively interest in people and in just about anything under the sun right into his nineties. We miss his cheerful presence.

Louise Grassmann

Reflections

The continued recession as well as a frost-damaged harvest made 1992 difficult for many out here in Saskatchewan. In spite of this, for the Swiss community it was a year of good fellowship and good meetings. The highlight of the year was the musical entertainment we enjoyed during our Bundesfeier. For the first time we heard a professional Alphorn blower (Canadian hornist Keith Berg) perform on the banks of the Saskatchewan river. As if this were not enough, there was the surprise visit of the budding musician Bettina Buchmann of St. Gallen who brought her accordeon and a treasure of folksongs. Thank you, Bettina!

Our fall and year-end events were all well attended. For the Samichlaus-Christmas Party we had not only a good crowd of adults but also a high turnout of children. Our warm-hearted Santa Claus discussed the children's "sins", listened to their Christmas wishes and rewarded them with the traditional nuts and mandarines. In short, this was one of our Santa's great performances enjoyed by kids of all ages.

We thank the members of the committee as well as so many others who helped make this another successful year. It is the input of so many individuals that makes a community blossom.

Louise Grassmann



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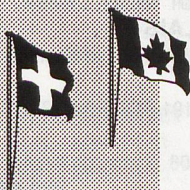
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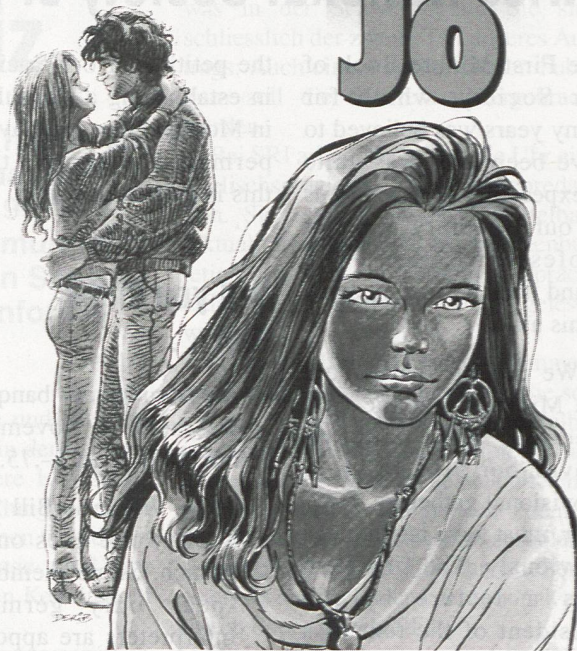
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The early days of the Swiss National Society of Montreal

The First Minute Book of our Society, which for many years was believed to have been lost, was quite unexpectedly returned to us by our Honorary Member Professor Bieler, who found it safely tucked away in his attic.

We indeed learn from the Minutes that the first meeting was held on November 9th, 1874. A provisional gathering, however, must have taken place previously. The first item was a lecture by the President of the text of a petition addressed to the Swiss Government which comprised a request for the appointment of a consular representative in Canada. At this first meeting it was decided to adopt the name "Swiss National Society". A committee of five was appointed to draw up the By-laws, and the membership fees were fixed at 25 cents per month with an admission fee of \$1.-. While no elections were held at this meeting it should be recorded here that our first President was Mr. A. Bucher and our first Secretary Mr. A. Coindet.

According to the Minutes of March 1st, 1875 due to a membership drive the roll at that time contained 31 names.

At the meeting of November 1st, 1875, the President ordered the Secretary to extend an invitation to the first Swiss Consul in Canada recently appointed. We are not in a position to know whether the Federal Government in Berne was guided solely by

the petition of our Society in establishing a Consulate in Montreal, but we may be permitted to assume that this is quite possible.

Did you know that . . .

- An Anniversary banquet was held on November 6th, 1876, cost \$-.75.
- **1904.** Where is Bill 22? Society life goes on in French. Some members speak only German. Interpreters are appointed and the Annual Report is read in French and German. English? never heard of!
- **1911.** Naughty-naughty! Innkeeper Krausmann is still looking for a barrel of beer which disappeared on August 1st, 1911.
- **1919.** A motion is introduced to make English an official language of the Society apart from French, German and Italian. The motion is defeated. Yet in 1923 English is declared the Society's official language.
- **1932.** Apparently bowling was popular already before. Young Othmar Biedermann puts a "Jung Turnverein" together.
- **1935.** First Montreal-Toronto Bowling Match.
- **1940.** The Society contributes \$1,275.- for war relief and collects a further \$900.-. The late Ernest Maag takes on

the task of representing the International Red Cross in Canada.

- **1948.** The Swiss Alpine Rifle Club is created.
- **1949.** With Othmar Biedermann at the helm, the Society celebrates its 75th Anniversary in style. A beautiful Anniversary Book is presented to all members.

These are extracts from our Anniversary Book printed in 1974.

So 118 years later our mens club still exists and we have 225 members. We get together on the first Tuesday of every month at

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