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## Editorial

### Chères lectrices, Chers lecteurs du Canada

Le nombre d'articles reçus pour cette dernière édition de l'année démontre à quel point la colonie Suisse au Canada est active.



Je tiens d'ores et déjà à vous souhaiter de belles fêtes de fin d'année et vous donne rendez-vous en 2008.

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### Dear Readers in Canada

The amount of contributions I received for this last issue of the year shows how much the Swiss community is involved in Canada.

I wish you pleasant holidays and look forward for the year 2008. Don't forget to check the Internet site of the Swiss Review:  
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### Confederation.



During the official part of the event, we did listen to the First of August message of the President of the Confederation, Madame Micheline Calmy-Rey. In a brief allocution, the Ambassador of Switzerland, Mr. Werner Baumann, talked about the good relations between Switzerland and Canada, highlighted by concluding negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement between the European Free Trade Association (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein) and Canada, as well as by the signing of a Swiss-Canadian Youth Mobility Program. As well, the Ambassador kindly offered "un vin d'honneur".

A varied program was offered for the entertainment of everyone. The Montagna Singers performed folkloric songs in Switzerland's national

languages; the group also lead everyone in the singing of the National Anthem. The ladies of the Calgary's «Swiss Folk Dance Club Alpenroesly» presented a number of traditional folk dancing.



A "Steinstossen" contest was organized. Children were very much part of the event: the Seniors' distributed to them Swiss flags; two charming little

girls sang a song about the Swiss Alps; an array of games were organized throughout the event; and, at dusk, a lampion parade was held.

Due to hard work, and the generosity of many sponsors, the tombola was a great success. Throughout the event, food and beverages were available.

Thanks to the assistance of many, volunteers doing an array of tasks as well as members of the OVSC committee planning and setting up the event, the occasion was a success.

The next activity of the OVSC is the September 23 car rally organized by Joe and Jacqueline Rivas (613-820-7064).

Michel Tadros, President, OVSC

Pictures from Mr. Oswin Lohe, HBH News

### Kantonalschützenfest Ottawa

The 6th Kantonalschützenfest was held in Ottawa, a year behind schedule due to re-booking and logistical problems in Kingston. Never the less the shooting event took place and the main purpose was achieved; Swiss shooting club members coming together for a bit of competition and a social gathering.

In 1994, I was responsible for the Toronto rifle club and questioned why the four clubs; Thames-Valley, Toronto, Ottawa-Valley and Montreal, had no social interaction? I opened up a dialogue with these clubs and we purposed to meet each other in a traditional like Swiss shooting competition. Kingston was chosen because it gave us access to a shooting range, bunking and a location for meals.

This year's event came with many challenges. Kingston was not possible and materials we once used were not available. With a little bit of creativity and ingenuity we had to create new materials and they had to fit into one car. With the help of my father we made new Kellen (target showers) that were collapsible and created a reduced target that would easily fit with the existing range target frames. With a pop up tent, the necessary K-31's, prizes and a passenger we were headed to Ottawa.

The 6th Kantonalschützenfest could not have happened without the support from the Montreal and Ottawa clubs. From the Montreal club, special thanks, to Carl Diehl and Carlos and Rachel da Silva, for their help in range details and their input on the logo designs and from the Ottawa club, special thanks to Jürg Zürcher, Richard Chojna-



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cki and Serge Bissonnette who's effort made it possible for this Kantonalschützenfest. The Ottawa club did an exceptional job hosting the event by booking the ranges, finding accommodations for out of town guests and providing wonderful meals for those in attendance.

We were a small group this time, members from Ottawa, Montreal and one lone shooter from Toronto. We had 16 shooters this time, a far cry from an astounding 57 shooters in 2000. Never the less the shooting went as planned and the top shooters are here shown:

Combined: Jürg Zürcher (Ottawa)

199/120

A Program: Stefan Egger (Montreal)

92/100 - new shooter

B Program: Erich Utiger (Ottawa)

108/120



It was known that this event would eventually pass away due to dropping participation. This came faster than anticipated but having done this event 6 times, spanning more than a decade, it is a testament to teamwork and friendship. A commemorative plaque was created using all 6 logos and was given out as a thank you gift for all who supported this year's event.

I want to thank my father for taking the time to show me the finer points of shooting and taking the time to teach it to me on the range. I will always cherish those memories.

Without regrets I had a wonderful time watching this event prosper and without a doubt would do it all again for the love of the sport and friendship.

Adrian Glauser, Organizer Kantonalschützenfest 1996-2006  
Member: Swiss Rifle Club Ottawa-Valley

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### Toronto

#### Swiss Club National Day Celebration

Our celebration took place at the Country Heritage Park in Milton with blue skies and a record turnout of compatriots from the Greater Toronto area. To help us celebrate we were honored by the presence of our Consul General Bruno Ryff and his family. A superb afternoon of entertainment by Florence Hansen, Deb Misner-Jones, Lindsay Jones, Matt Lebar, Willie Platzer and Eva Hajda was enjoyed. It appeared that a wonderful day was being had by all. A day where we could meet and greet old friends, make new ones, and above all, have the opportunity to reflect on our heritage.



Our welcome committee



Erika Tieche with granddaughter Sierra

As the president of the Swiss Club Toronto, I would like to take this opportunity to convey a heart felt "Thank you" to all of you for your support and hope to see you all again at next year's celebration.

Erika Tieche, President Swiss Club Toronto

#### Sponsors

We would like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" to you all for the prize donations and financial contributions for the Raffle at the celebration of Switzerland's 716th Birthday. Your contribution was greatly appreciated and helped to make this a very special and successful day with record attendance. We look forward to our continuing relationship.

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Erika Tièche, President Swiss Club Toronto

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### Canadysli Toronto

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If you would like to have some fun while playing Music and at other times, please give us a call or an e-mail, we will look forward to hear from you !

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### Swiss Club Saskatoon

#### Letter from the Prairies

Saskatoon is currently subject to a tremendous growth spurt, mainly by attracting young upwardly mobile people from everywhere in Canada. Depending to whom you speak, many different contributing factors are mentioned. One thing is for sure, the upturn in the value of natural resources, such as oil, potash, diamonds, as well as the expansion of the University of Saskatchewan through the establishment of the only Canadian synchrotron all had an impact. Also, perhaps there is a new awareness that this city is quite pretty, clean, and it has all the things you want at an affordable price. Our club has not been affected by the population growth as there are no big numbers of new Swiss flocking to our province. However, never before did any of our club events draw participants of absolutely every age group such as this year's First-of-August celebration. There were toddlers, school aged children, teenagers as well as couples and singles of every age

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group including retirees. To our utter delight, the composition of our membership has shifted, as we are now taking into the fold, many of the second and third generation descendants of the original Swiss immigrants of the seventies and eighties. We welcome them all with wide open arms and are looking forward to their active input.

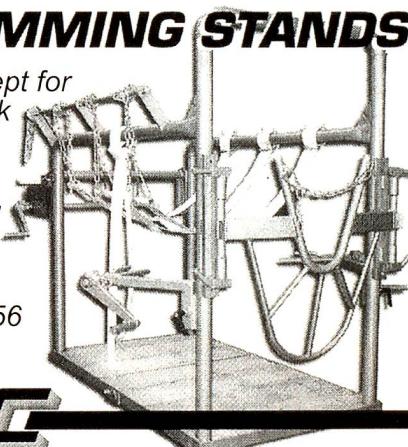
Further to the celebration of the Swiss national day: It took place on Saturday, July 28 at the farm of the Hug family. The sweeping green surroundings of the farm lent themselves beautifully to the occasion. We sat in the shade of the old trees, which were decorated with the colorful Swiss Cantonal flags and lampions, provided by the Nievergelt family. Dorli Hug's numerous gorgeous flowerpots added in no small measure to the lovely setting. The weather co-operated and we were able to leave the jackets in the car. Even the mosquitoes behaved themselves as hundreds of dragonflies were keeping them in check until it was quite dark.

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Un succès et des grands mercis!

Samedi, le 28 juillet 2007, les Suisses, leurs amis et invités ont célébré la Fête Nationale pour la 31ième fois au Mont Sutton. Au vu des nombreux compliments reçus, de la façon que les gens ont participé, dansé et chanté tout le long, les plus de 2 000 personnes présentes ont vraiment apprécié leur journée. Même le beau temps était avec nous, enfin presque. Un orage soudain, à 20h00 tapantes, nous a fait fuir vers la tente et notre nouveau Consul général, M. Claude Duvoisin, a dû nous souhaiter la bienvenue et présenter son discours du 1er Août dans des circonstances moins qu'idéales. Même le témoignage de remerciement et de reconnaissance à M. Hans Bieri, administrateur sortant qui a travaillé dur pendant de longues années, a été affecté et retardé. Il n'y a pas assez de mots pour exprimer réellement la dette que nous devons tous à Hans pour ses efforts, son énergie et sa générosité inlassables. Merci Hans!

Le jour a démarré par une messe jodlée et des paroles du diacre Donald Davatz dans les 4 langues officielles de la Suisse. Le groupe des cors des Alpes SOS et les Montagna Chanteurs y ont mis leur musique, chants, jodles, et Jules Bruhlmann a ponctué le tout avec son «Urner Alpsägä». Nos groupes musicaux, de danse et autres méritent un grand remerciement! Une grande variété et une abondance de divertissement ont garanti une journée et une soirée pleines de joie, danses et chants. Le groupe Écho des Ordons du Jura Suisse ont su faire lever et danser et même chanter l'auditoire jusque tard dans la nuit. Des groupes tels que les cors des Alpes SOS, le MGV Lacolle, les Sonneurs de cloches, le Trio Aeschlimann et le Craqueur de fouet Willy Müller nous ont divertis comme par le passé. Au cours des années, le tournoi de lutte suisse et la compétition de tir sont eux-mêmes devenus des événements en soi. Depuis, que notre événement à lieu, les enfants ont leur propre section, pour jouer et bricoler, sous les yeux attentifs d'adultes.

Cette année, l'Harmonie de Granby, le Mont Gleason Chörli, les chanteurs Montagna d'Ottawa et le groupe de danse Alpenrösli d'Alberta ont ajouté de la variété. Veuillez recevoir, tous, nos sincères et cordiaux remerciements.

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Présentation d'une plaque de remerciement à Monsieur Hans Bieri pour ses nombreuses années d'aide et sa générosité.

De g. à d.: Urs Kaiser, Claude Duvoisin (Consul général), Jeannette Perriard, Carl Diehl, Hans Bieri et Lionel Ebi (Écho des Ordons)

Les travaux pour cet événement débutent chaque année dès janvier et les membres du Comité Exécutif doivent abattre une quantité de travail énorme qui dure jusqu'à ce que le tout soit démantelé et rangé, le site nettoyé, le matériel remisé, la dernière facture payée, et le post-mortem tenu. La plupart des gens ne savent rien de ces corvées et les voient encore moins. Seule une petite partie du travail, la plus intense, est visible, soit les travaux du comité pendant la fête même. Chacun sur le comité a des fonctions spécifiques et uniques, mais plusieurs autres tâches sont partagées. Avant,

pendant et après la fête, tout le comité travaille presque jour et nuit pendant 3 jours, voire 5 jours pour Urs Kaiser! C'est beaucoup de l'organisation et de la logistique, mais la construction et le démantèlement du site, eux, requièrent 2 jours de travail physique intense ardu. Il n'y a jamais assez des bénévoles ces jours-là, et ceux qui visitent le chantier avant et après la fête sont étonnés de constater que même les dames du comité travaillent comme des ouvriers sur un chantier. Tous les membres du Comité exécutif sont bénévoles. C'est grâce à leur volonté initiale, leur vision et leur dévouement que nous bénéficiions aujourd'hui de cette fête.

D'ailleurs : avez-vous déjà envisagé vous impliquer? Ne soyez pas timide, car la fête a besoin de vous! Vous ne pourrez pas vous acheter un quignon de pain avec la paie, mais vous en tirerez un sentiment d'accomplissement dont vous pourrez être fier et vous ferez partie d'un groupe de battants. Comme nous n'avons plus à payer l'impôt militaire suisse, ce serait peut-être aussi une manière de rendre hommage à ce livret rouge dont nous pouvons être si fiers : le passeport suisse et tout qu'il signifie !

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Présentation du comité dans le prochain numéro!

The English translations will follow in the next issue!

## Tir au petit calibre Mont Sutton

Cette année 321 entrées ont été tiré au petit calibre. Voici les meilleurs résultats:

1. Franz Gisler	100-10X
2. Daniel Burkart	100-9X
3. Jürg Hollinger	100-8X
4. Jean-Claude Magnin	100-8X
5. Jean-François Collin	100-8X
6. Jean-Seb. Lafrance	100-8X
Plus gros nombre de mouches	
1. Franz Gisler	10X
2. Daniel Burkart	9X
3. Jürg Hollinger	8X

Dames	Au plaisir de vous voir l'année prochain, on espère avec beaucoup de soleil.	
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## Montreal

### Swiss Women's Club Edelweiss

At the end of May about 55 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful brunch at the Golf Atlantide on Ile Perrot. We were honoured to have our Consul-General and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Claude and Josiane Duvoisin join us for this event.

Many thanks to our social conveners Eveline Hauri and Jeannette Meli for organizing this affair. Thank you, also to Frank Auf der Maur, who brought roses for all the ladies present.



Thank you Susanna for hosting this event.

As in the past, about 25 members, many wearing their traditional costumes, helped out at the Swiss National Day activities at Mont Sutton. These ladies, and some grandchildren too, worked throughout the day at the Chalet selling tombola & food tickets, lampions and cold drinks. Many thanks for all your hard work.

In August, several of our members wearing traditional Swiss costumes will walk in a parade for the Bedford Fair. Bedford is a small town in the Eastern Townships and this should make for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

Our annual bazaar promises to be bigger and better as we move to larger quarters in order to have more space. We will be selling all the usual Swiss specialties and handicrafts, as well as have plenty of room to enjoy a glass of wine or beer, traditional food, and to sit and chat with friends. Some of our husbands will be working hard in the kitchen all day cooking sausages, quiche, soup, etc. Please mark this on your calendars and plan to attend. As always, profits from this bazaar go to support local charities.

#### Annual Fall Bazaar

**Saturday, November 3, 2007 - 10:00a.m.—3:00 p.m**

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The bazaar will be held in the German House/Haus der Heimat. Please do not be fooled by the address, it is a residential neighbourhood and is situated in the basement of an apartment building.

Joanne Spirig, 514-694-3718, President

## Montreal Swiss Jass Club

On April 27th, 2007, we had our last Jass evening of the 2006/2007 season. The 2007/2008 season starts on September 28th, 2007 at 8:00 PM at Haus Der Heimat, 375 Louise Lamy St. in Dorval. The event takes place every last Friday of the month until

April 2008.

The "Bären Trophy" for the Jasser with the most accumulated points at the end of the season was won by Toni Wicky with 20131 points.

On June 1st, 2007, the 16 finalists of the season have met at the



Residence of the General Consul to determine the "Jass König". After a nice meal with wine, we congratulated Daniel Bachmann as our new "Jass König", he had 3565 points.

Every player was awarded a bottle of wine. Please join us and have a good time. For beginners, we arrange special tables to play with an experienced player.

For more information, call Simon Vauclair at 514-684-3370.



## Montreal

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Swiss films:

«Heimatklänge» by Stefan  
Schwietert, Documentary,  
year 2007, section «Nonfiction  
Features»  
«Wir werden uns wiederseh'n»  
by Stefan Hillebrand and Oliver  
Paulus, Drama, year 2007, sec-  
tion «Cinema of our Time»  
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Reto Reichenbach, Pianist,  
concert: 16. Oct., 2007,  
7:00 pm: Vancouver, Recital  
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Duo Sforzando, Piano duet,  
concert: 21. Oct., 2007,  
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### *Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association*

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Dear fellow citizens,

On May 1st, 2007 I have taken on my assi-  
gnment as Consul General of Switzerland in  
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My last posting was at headquarters in  
Bern. Now I have the great pleasure and  
honour to serve you from the West Coast of  
this wonderful country, Canada.

I entered the Foreign Service in 1973 and have been posted in  
Portugal, France, New Zealand, South Africa, Turkey, Sweden,  
Germany and the USA. My wife Siegrid has accompanied me all the  
way and is with me now in Vancouver.

The Consulate General in Vancouver is responsible for a juris-  
diction which encompasses the provinces of British Columbia and  
Alberta as well as the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories. This is, of course, a huge area. The sheer vastness of Canada  
in comparison with Switzerland is the main difference between  
the two countries. Otherwise, we Swiss and Canadians share many  
similar values. These common views make life and work in Canada  
both interesting and enjoyable.

Siegrid and I are looking forward to meeting you wherever you  
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Walter Deplazes



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Schuetzenfest on October 6th and 7th and the "Saushoot" on October  
21. with the ever popular "Blut- + Leberwurst" dinner.

Looking back, the Mothers Day Dinner was very well attended, we  
went back to the old tradition: only dinner, no dance, and celebrated  
right on Sunday. With 75 meals served, I would say it was a success.

One week later was the Eidg. Feldschiessen and Feldschloesslistich  
and some very good scores were shoot, all around winner with 135  
points was Th. Seidler and right behind him came Ch. Morach with 131  
points.

June 3: The 50m Smallbore Volkschiessen is getting more popular  
with the juniors, they get paired up with a more experienced shooter  
and we ended up with about 17 teams. It was a fun team shoot for all.

June 17: Bruno Huber Shoot: another very popular competition  
with 25 Shooters participating and our sincere thanks go to Bruno for  
sponsoring this event, again every shooter was rewarded.

This year the Mountain Range Match was sponsored by Markus Spy-  
cher with a new format: 1 or 2 position Match. Unfortunately only 8  
shooters participated and some walked away with a cash price. Thank  
you Markus for sponsoring this event.

In the Crossbow Range there is also some serious shooting going  
on, as each participant is interested in finishing the Club champion-  
ship program and also partake in different postal matches.

The 1st of August celebration was well attended and even the wea-  
ther co-operated. It was a pleasure to see so many children taking  
part in the "Lampion Umzug". Our sincere thanks go out to all the vo-  
lunteers, without them the celebration would not have run so  
smoothly.

Besides all the shooting and festivities, the back deck by the Chalet was in dire need to be reconstructed, many Volunteers came out on extra Work parties and the big job got finished in a timely manner.

Not too many people came out to our wonderful property for the family picnic on August 12th. But for the ones who were there it was a most enjoyable and relaxing afternoon with playing Baseball, Archery, Boccia and Horseshoe, ending with a barbecue. We are looking forward to see many of you on the upcoming Schuetzenfest.

For more details check out our website at [www.scmra.ca](http://www.scmra.ca)

Marlies Baumann

P.S. due to limited space this report had to be shortened.

## Victoria Swiss Society

The Victoria Swiss Society is alive and well and anticipating a good year in 2007. A new president, Ric Fischer, succeeded Hausi Müller. Hausi had held the position a little over three years. Ric is an experienced president, since he held the position just a few years ago. As of April, 2007 we had close to 70 memberships. Since many of these are family memberships, well over a hundred individuals belong to the club.

So far this year we have had our usual club walk and a slide show given by Mr Urs Boxler; a delightful harp recital and a Greater Victoria Art Gallery tour of Baroque works from the National Gallery, led by Vice-President Irene Khurana, long time member of our society.

On the weekend of May 5-6th, the Victoria Swiss Society hosted the 10th Conference of Presidents of Swiss Organizations in Western Canada which is held every two years, and incidentally is not restricted to presidents and past presidents. The conference was chaired and organized by Dr Hausi Müller, (with help from friends such as Peter Schälle and Rolf Brülhart of Vancouver) and was honoured by many special guests.

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We were introduced to our new Consul General of Switzerland in Vancouver, Mr. Walter Deplazes, Consuls Mrs Karin Rüger-Thomi and Mr Daniel Rüger; Director of the Secretariat for the Organization of the Swiss Abroad (OSA), Dr Rudolph Wyder; Mr Philippe Goetschel, Honorary Consul from Seattle, and finally a team from the website Infoswiss, Patrizia Franz and Jakob Tschanz. Besides the core contingent from Vancouver, we had enthusiastic representatives from Alberta, notably Mr Walter Hildebrand, President Edmonton Swiss Society and Peter Johner, Edmonton Men's Choir Vice President. From Prince George, Hansruedi Ruch, President of the Swiss Alpine Club.

The Victoria Swiss Society was well represented at the Conference by our current President, Ric Fischer, Past-Presidents Hausi Müller and Dr. Rennie Warburton and Vice-President Irene Khurana.

Traditionally, a cultural event goes in tandem with the conference, and on the Saturday evening a concert was performed by the Vancouver Swiss Society Choir. The recital was coupled with a dinner and was attended by over 100 people. A traditional repertoire included songs from all four Swiss official languages, plus German and English. Under their dynamic music director, Dubravko Pajalic, the choir gave us great diversity, with ensemble pieces mixed with quartets, duets and solos. The conductor very effectively meshed the audience with the choir. We felt that 'Quando si pianta la bella polenta' was particularly successful, with Erna Schäfer doing a very effective mime of the various stages in the making and eating of this famous dish. A thoroughly delightful concert. With the stage 'set', Peter Schälle and Rolf Brülhart received plaques for outstanding service to the Vancouver Swiss Society. After supper and the concert, a sing-a-long and accordion/guitar 'jam' completed this joyful evening.

The Swiss National Day celebration was held Aug 11, at the usual location, Centennial Park. The Christmas Party will be on Dec 8, at St Aidan's Church. Again, all Swiss are welcome. For info about this and other events, please phone one of the contacts listed below.

Amongst fall events, a traditional Raclette night is planned for October. The organizers are already sourcing the best ingredients and promise us an authentic and scrumptious Swiss culinary experience.

A relatively small but loyal group of ladies enjoy lunch out every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Organized by Gabrielle Bossy and Rosalind Taylor, the luncheons happen at surprise or 'mystery' locations. Any Swiss ladies in the region are invited to try out these lunches. For info on this event, call Gabrielle at 386-3815 or Ros at 385-7232.

A Jass evening happens every second Thursday of the month and all card players are welcome. For info, call Ric Fischer at the number listed below.

Our club's newsletter appears 6 times yearly and goes out either as a PDF version or regular mail. A relatively new feature, the Youth Page, was initiated by Corina Fischer, daughter of our current president. A trophy and cash voucher are awarded to a young Swiss who submits an item. Fittingly, Corina was the first winner.

For information on our events, or on joining the Victoria Swiss Society, please call any of the following: President Mr Ric Fischer, 472-1850, Secretary Anne Friedinger, 721-1793, or Past-President Hausi Müller, 477-5786.

### Vancouver Interior Club

Vernon and Cache Creek August 1st Celebrations, Aug 1 & 4-6, 2007

In Vernon we celebrated August 1st at Coldstream Creek Park. In a beautiful Swiss Theme setting we were honoured by the presences of our Consul General, Walter Deplazes and his wife Siegrid and the Mayor of Coldstream, Mr. Gary Corner and his wife Coleen, entertained by the Vernon Blaskapelle under the direction of John Doerwaldt and

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Swiss songs sung by Fred Affolter and the memory-evoking sounds of the alphorn played by Al Klopfenstein. And many thanks to all the children who brought and displayed their lampions. A most delicious buffet-dinner with wine from a Swiss-owned Okanagan winery, compliments of the Consul General, was enjoyed by all. The address by Walter Deplazes - reiterating part of the Swiss Federal President's August 1st speech to the Swiss abroad, was most thought-provoking. Many thanks to our president Lilly Senn and the many volunteers who helped to make this a most memorable evening.

Another very successful August 1st celebrations was held on August 4-6 at the Fisher Farm in Cache Creek. As in the past, the Fisher's were most hospitable by providing the beautiful camping spot and the shooting range. Thank you Gus, Annie and Family. Also a big thank you to Al Klopfenstein and his wife Barbara, who were so instrumental in the shooting event, tallied all the scoring and acted as masters of ceremony. For the "Steinstossen" beautiful rocks, decorated with a Swiss cross, were used.

It was a pleasure meeting our Consul General, Walter Deplazes and his wife Siegrid. They became very much part of our group and also participated in the shooting event. We had a great dinner with wine provided compliments of the Consul General, and everyone seemed to have a great time, visiting with old friends and making new friends.

#### **Future events, please make a note of the following dates:**

**Sunday, October 14. 2007, 10.10 AM - Yodel Messe**

with the Wild Rose Yodel Club from Rimby, Alberta

Cornerstone Bible Church, 4611 23rd Street, Vernon

**Sat, December 8, 2007, 2 - 7 PM - Christmas Party and Fondue**

Plausch, Coldstream Women's Hall in Coldstream

**November 2007 - January 2008 Winter Bowling**

Bowling starts again in Vernon, Salmon Arm and Kamloops.

#### **Contacts:**

Vernon: Rita Schulter 547-6052

Dates: Nov. 4/11/18/25, Dec 2/9/16, Jan. 6/13/20/27. Time: 1.00PM

Salmon Arm: Andy Zust 832-2833

Kamloops: Helena Hasler 372-2496

**February 7, 2008, «Flucht nach Tatakoto»** performed by the Theatre Group 'Heimatstil' Calgary-Armstrong Centennial Theatre, 7.30PM

For membership information, please contact Elisabeth Reymond at 250-549-1148 or [ereymond@grischun.ca](mailto:ereymond@grischun.ca).

Please visit or Website at [www.interiorswissclub.ca](http://www.interiorswissclub.ca) for up to date information on future events and a great picture gallery of our past events. Further club information can be obtained from our President Lilly Senn at 250-549-3711.

Casey Berlanda, VP

## **Calgary Theatre Group Heimatstil**

The Calgary Theatre Group Heimatstil is preparing an other play for the Swiss Community in Alberta and British Columbia. We are limited with our Tour to a few Cities but welcome anybody to our performances, therefore mark your calendar with these dates:

**Rimbey AB: February 3, 2008** at 13:30; for tickets please call Elisabeth & Urs Mueller (403) 748 2096

**Armstrong BC: February 7, 2008** at 19:30; for tickets please call Lilly & Hansruedi Senn (250) 549 3711

**Vancouver BC: February 9, 2008** at 13:30 & 19:30; for tickets please call Helen & Peter Schalle(604) 435 6159

**Calgary AB: February 16, 2008** at 13:30 & 19:30; for tickets please call Maria & Dieter Krohmer (403) 241 0655 or any members of the Theatre Group

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Chris Schmid, [theatregroup@swissclubcalgary.ca](mailto:theatregroup@swissclubcalgary.ca)

## **Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir**

The first week of June and what does a choir do for an encore? They make a new CD, this one of Christmas music. There is a good balance of carols and advent selections, most of which were taken from music that we have been performing for years during Advent. These have been supplemented with some new music chosen to give us a good balance of selections from the four Swiss language groups. The CD will hopefully be released in time for the Christmas season. Many members of our audiences have been asking us for such a disc for a long time.

This year's Landsgemeinde (organized by the Edmonton Swiss Society), held at Old MacDonald's Farm at Buffalo Lake near Stettler, Alberta was a great success. There was a terrific turnout by the choir and it performed well under the direction of our conductor Elizabeth's good friend Gloria Zaharia. On short notice, she went over the music, mastered it and led us with authority. The Wildrose Yodel Club from Central Alberta also performed and gave us a lesson in yodeling. The two choirs joined together for two songs in a grand finale that was appreciated by all in the audience.

It was a delight for the choir members to be invited to the reception for the Swiss National Men's Curling team which came to Edmonton for the World Curling Championships in March. This event was organized by the Edmonton Swiss Society. We met, talked and sang for the team. They gave us back a song that showed a good sense of humor. The team curled very well and showed well, especially when we consider that they were up against professional teams. The caliber of professional curling is very high in Canada and the Swiss team proved that they can curl with the best of them.

On June 5th we gathered at the Edmonton Crowne Plaza Chateau Lacombe for a reception hosted by His Excellency, Swiss Ambassador Werner Baumann and Mrs. Baumann. They are a very well spoken and engaging couple. Also in attendance were the newly appointed Swiss Consul General Walter Deplazes and Mrs. Deplazes and the Honorary Swiss Consul Dr. Andreas Bayer and Mrs. Bayer. Again, we sang a few songs and listened to the Ambassador giving a speech. It was a pleasure to finally meet Mrs. Yvonne Camenzind-Kabata, from the Swiss Consulate, after all those years. Many of us have spoken to her a few times, but never had the pleasure to meet her. She appreciated the song especially dedicated to her.

Our end of season party was held at Peter Johner's acreage (Chalet Waldeslust) west of Edmonton on July 8th. We had the opportunity to honour Xaver Jud, our bus driver for all the choir's trips to Switzer-



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incl. Erwin, Walter and Roger. Jules Portmann, who celebrated his eightieth birthday, was touched by our singing and thanked us for doing this for him. I would also like to thank Gloria for conducting us with charm and a smile, thank you!

Submitted by Dave Leigh, Hans & ESMC

#### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 3rd: Winzerfest, OLPH in Sherwood Park  
2008 January 18th: Ponoka Performing Arts Society, Swiss Concert with the Wildrose Yodel Club  
2008, June 28 & 29th: visit from Maennerchor Rieden, Wallisellen, CH  
2008, July 17th to 20th: Pacific Swiss Singing Alliance (Sängerfest 2008, Portland, Oregon)  
2008- Last two weeks of September: Choir trip to Eastern Canada



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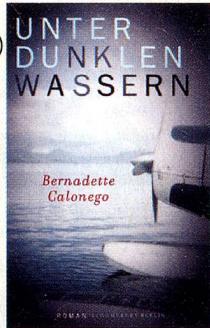


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Sie lebt an der Westküste Kanadas. 2005 erschien ihr Debütroman *Nutze deine Feinde* bei Bloomsbury Berlin.

Werdegang: Studium moderner Sprachen an der Universität Fribourg. Sprachaufenthalte in Madrid und England. Redaktorin bei Reuters in Zürich. Von 1990 bis 2000 Auslandkorrespondentin der Süddeutschen Zeitung und des Standard in der Schweiz.



### Past Events:

#### Landsgemeinde in Stettler, June 8-10:

Our annual Landsgemeinde in Stettler took place on the weekend of June 8 – 10. Swiss from "nah und fern" gathered at the Ol' MacDonald Resort on beautiful Buffalo Lake. It seems that each year, there are more and more Swiss attending! What a great outcome we had once again! The weather was in our favour and the mosquitoes had a place to feast as well! The traditional soccer game "young against old folk" took place in the afternoon and as always, everyone had a superb time! (However, I can't remember who actually won the game – somehow I lost track of the scores!) As well, Jass lovers could participate in the Jass tournament and of course, the traditional Crossbow shooting was not left out either! Once again, our friends from the Wildrose Jodel Club and the Edmonton Swiss Mens Choir entertained us in the early evening hours with their singing.

#### Swiss National Holiday, August 1:

Perfect weather, Crossbow shooting competition, good food, excellent entertainment and a lot of catching up with fellow Swiss – these are the highlights of our August 1st Celebration! Not to forget the Salad Buffet and Bratwurst dinner, which was rounded up with a tasty Nussgipfel dessert. The children hardly could wait until they proudly proceeded down to the fire with their traditional Swiss Lampions.

Daniela Hiltbrand

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