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# REGIONAL NEWS

## CANADA

### Editorial

*The fever is on!*



Hopefully you bought your tickets for the upcoming Swiss Women's National Soccer Team games first rounds at the FIFA World Cup Canada 2015™ in Vancouver and Edmonton. To check the latest status of the games, the Swiss team players, and ticket availability go to [www.fifa.com/womensworldcup/](http://www.fifa.com/womensworldcup/)

Another fantastic match was the recent Switzerland/Canada women's world curling match in Sapporo, Japan. Switzerland defeated Canada 5-3. Canada played very well and had many chances right into a closely fought tenth end, but the Swiss sealed the win with another single point on their last rock. Switzerland gold, Canada silver and Swiss Canadians cheering both teams and applauding their fantastic play!

SILVIA SCHOCH, EDITOR AND OSA DELEGATE WESTERN CANADA

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### Victoria Swiss Society: New Ambassador visits British Columbia

In a whirl-wind tour to British Columbia at the end of April, His Excellency, Ambassador Dr. Beat Nobs visited the cities of Vancouver and Victoria. Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada and the Bahamas since September 2014, in his previous function, Dr. Nobs was Ambassador/Assistant Secretary for Asia and Pacific at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Bern. In prior appointments during his distinguished career, Dr. Nobs served as Ambassador to New Zealand; was the Ambassador for the Environment as Head of the Delegation and Chief Negotiator of Switzerland for the Environment; and Vice-President UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Accompanied by his charming spouse, Dr. Irene Knöpfel Nobs, Ambassador Nobs held a lecture on *Direct Democracy* at the University of British Columbia where he himself had been a student in past years; met with Provincial Government Ministers and University Officials accompanied by Consul General V. Strausak, and held receptions for the Presidents and members of local Swiss Societies in both cities. In Vancouver, Ambassador Nobs attended a luncheon with the Board of Directors of the Swiss Canadian Chamber of



Ambassador Dr. and Mrs. Nobs on right, Consul General V. Strausak and Mrs. Feil on left, flanked on either side by Hausi Müller and Silvia Schoch, Victoria Swiss Society Directors with President Ric and Mrs. Fischer in center

Commerce, and in Victoria met with Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon.

In his address to the Swiss Community in Victoria, Ambassador Nobs spoke of the importance of maintaining the official Swiss languages in Canada as a way to “press through the wall and really get to the person” when travelling in Switzerland or elsewhere.

Dr. Nobs urged expatriate Swiss to exercise their right to vote which is offered electronically by more and more Swiss Cantons and facilitates greater ease. “Your unique perspective is of value to Switzerland”, the Ambassador said. Currently, one third of approximately 750,000 expatriate Swiss are making use of their voting rights.

“Switzerland has upped the ante for Consulates in Canada by taking on visa-issuing for a number of other countries, particularly in the Schengen area” Dr. Nobs continued, adding that this is one of the reasons that “the Vancouver Consulate will not close and will continue to be there for the Swiss in Western Canada”.

The Ambassador closed by mentioning how impressed he was by the activities of the Swiss Community in British Columbia and promised that he would return within the next four years. The Ambassador was presented by the Victoria Swiss Society with a West Coast print and editions of the Societies' Newsletter.

SILVIA SCHOCH

**Vancouver:** Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association

The indoor shooting season ended with the annual 10m Schützenfest. Thanks to all for a very well organized event.

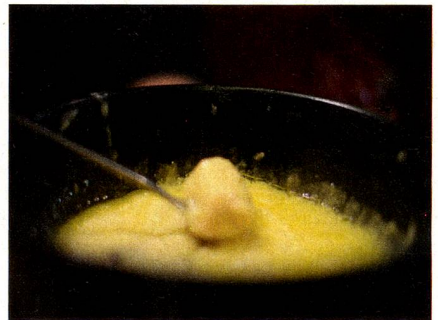
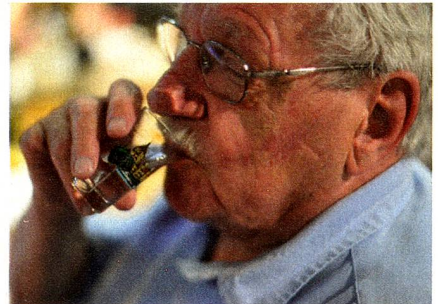
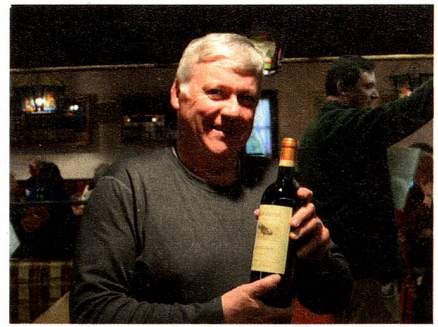
Our first 300m, 50m, Pistol and Crossbow practice shoot of the season started with the obligatory safety course, where we were once again reminded of the importance of following the safety rules. Let's hope for another accident free shooting season.

The annual Crossbow Fondue Stich was held on 12. April, the winner of the competition was Joe Morach. After the shooting we were treated to a delicious Fondue dinner and some accordion entertainment. What an enjoyable day that was. Thank you Joe and Connie for organizing this event.

As we are preparing to travel to Switzerland for the Eidgenössische Schützenfest in Visp, the shooters are encouraged to do a lot of practicing. The Ausland Schweizer Tag is on 28. June.

Besides all the shooting, there is a lot of work being done. A few of our hardworking members are replacing the siding on the 300m shooting range, and it starts to look like new again. Even if you are not a shooting fan, you are still welcome to visit us on any scheduled shooting days, and with any luck you might spot a deer or bear, or just enjoy our beautiful property. Have a great summer! Please check our website for results and photos: [www.scmra.ca](http://www.scmra.ca)

MARLIES BAUMANN



**Summer and Fall Program 2015**

**August 1:** National Day Celebration; 9: Mountain Range Match 9am, Volkschiessen 1pm; 23 Championship all Ranges (last day for Feldschiessen & OP) **September 6:** Championship all Ranges-Trap Cheese Shoot; 14: Work Party; 20: Consul Cup **October 4:** Last Day Championship all Ranges; 10 & 11: Schützenfest; 25: Sau Shoot; 31: Work Party **November 1:** Jass; **December 5:** Santa Claus Party

**Edmonton Swiss Society:** Alberta-Swiss Landsgemeinde *Landsgemeinde, or open-air assembly, is one of the oldest forms of direct democracy. With its origin believed to date back some 1,500 years to today's Switzerland and other central alpine European countries, only the Swiss assemblies survived after the Middle Ages. Today, Glarus and Appenzell Inner Rhodes keep the tradition alive where the Landsgemeinde is still the highest political institution in these two Swiss cantons, usually held at the end of April or beginning of May. (Ed.)*

The first Albertan-Swiss Landsgemeinde took place in June 1974. Initiated by Edmonton Swiss Society President and Honorary Consul Dr. Pierre Monod with the objective to bring together Alberta-Swiss from near and far and all walks of life to share a common experience and celebrate their Swiss roots. The Alberta Government granted funds by supporting the vision for "gathering and the purchasing of costumes, bells, crossbows, flags to throw and alphorns," according to the Societies' archives.

In 1976, the Consul General of Switzerland, together with the BC Minister of Culture, attended the unveiling of the

Highwaymarker to Carl Stettler, the Swiss immigrant to Alberta who founded Blumenau which was later re-named Stettler in his honour. The founding of the Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir took place at the Landsgemeinde in 1980. The Choir celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 14 with a special performance at the annual Winzerfest.

This year, the Alberta Swiss Landsgemeinde takes place from June 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> at Ol' McDonald Resort located near Stettler, AB, on the south shore of Buffalo Lake. One-and-one half hours drive from Edmonton and two hours from Calgary.

To join the Landsgemeinde reserved group site at this full-service, wireless internet family campground, mention at the registration desk that you are with the Swiss group. Call the resort ahead at 403-742-6603 to book a cabin or motel room.

Come one and all. While there is no voting at this Landsgemeinde, there are fun Swiss activities for the entire family: Swiss music entertainment, singing and dance, archery, Jass tournaments, BBQ, campfires and more. **KARL STRICKLER**



Preparation for Alberta-Swiss Landsgemeinde

## 2015 Presidents' Conference announced for Western Canada

The Edmonton Swiss Society is the host organization for this year's Presidents' Conference for Swiss Societies in Western Canada. The conference is scheduled to be held on

Saturday, November 14, 2015  
at the Hotel Château Lacombe, Edmonton

The conference commences at 9:00 am and ends at 4:30 pm. Lunch and coffee are included. Detailed schedule plus guest speaker list will be sent to registered participants at the beginning of June. The conference is open for attendance to all Swiss Society members, but only Presidents and official representatives of their Western-Canada Swiss organizations are able to vote. If you wish to register for the conference, please email [vancouver@eda.admin.ch](mailto:vancouver@eda.admin.ch) or [silv.schoch@gmail.com](mailto:silv.schoch@gmail.com). Please inform how many people from your club are travelling with you.

The conference coincides with the celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir at their Annual Winzerfest! The Choir is hard at work, putting together a very special performance. The Consulate General of Switzerland is offering free tickets to all Presidents of the conference who wish to attend this very special evening of entertainment, which also includes dinner. Reservations for additional Winzerfest tickets can be made by contacting Hans Vögeli at (780) 464-1266.

The Hotel Château Lacombe in down-town Edmonton is offering special room rates from Friday to and/or Saturday night. Please contact Sherri Schurer, Sales Manager, or hotel reservation at tel. (780) 428-6611 and mention *Presidents' Conference* by the end of May to obtain your special room rate reservation.

The conference is jointly organized between the Edmonton Swiss Society, the Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver and OSA Delegate for Western Canada, Silvia Schoch.

## Delegate and Council Member of the Organization of the Swiss Abroad (OSA/ASO)

The Presidents' Conference of Western Canada is currently seeking candidates for the vacant Western-Canadian OSA seat for the territorial jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and Northwest Territories).

### Aufgaben/Anforderungen

- Wirken als Anlaufstelle und Auskunftsperson für Landsleute im oben genannten Gebiet
- Vertretung der Anliegen der vertretenden Schweizergemeinschaft und ihren Institutionen im Auslandschweizerrat (ASR)
- Orientierung der Schweizervereine über ASO Arbeiten und Angebote, sowie über die Aktualitäten aus dem ASR
- Kontaktpflege zu Schweizer Vereinen, offiziellen Vertretungen und schweizerischen Institutionen im oben genannten Gebiet
- Förderung der schweizerischen Präsenz in Kanada und der politischen Partizipation der Auslandschweizer im genannten Gebiet
- Präsenz und Mitwirkugn im ASR und gegebenenfalls in Kommissionen und Arbeitsgruppen
- Schweizer Bürger(in)
- Deutsch- oder Französisch sprechend
- Teilnahme an den ASR Sitzungen in der Schweiz ein- bis zweimal jährlich (März und August)
- Im territorialen Konsularbezirk Vancouver ansässig
- Amtsdauer von vier Jahren

For further information, please contact Ms. Silvia Schoch, OSA Delegate/CSR Member Western Canada, email: [silv.schoch@gmail.com](mailto:silv.schoch@gmail.com); or submit your application to: Consulate General of Switzerland, World Trade Centre, 790-999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC, V6C 3E1



Organization of the Swiss Abroad (OSA)  
Auslandschweizer Organisation (ASO)

## CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND IN MONTREAL Important Message to all Swiss Citizens residing in Ontario

Dear Fellow Citizens,

Due to the success of last year's edition, this Consulate General is pleased to inform you that we will once again organize our "Swiss consular days" with the presence of the mobile biometric passport station in the Greater Toronto area at the beginning of October this year. As you might already know, since the introduction of the Biometric passport, applicants must present themselves in person to record the biometric data: a photograph of the applicant's face and two fingerprints. The mobile station allows us to come to your area and offer this opportunity to those who meet the criteria as set out below and who wish to have their biometric data recorded directly at the selected location.

If you are interested, you may apply for your passport by following the procedures, as outlined for Swiss nationals living abroad, on either of these websites: [www.schweizerpass.org](http://www.schweizerpass.org) or [www.passeportsuisse.ch](http://www.passeportsuisse.ch).

When applying for the passport, please make sure to mention "Toronto" in the Remarks section (Bemerkungen, Remarques, Osservazioni). **Your application must be submitted by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the latest.** Should your civil status not be updated in our registry or should you have changed name/s, we cannot consider your application for this service in Toronto, as your dossier will first have to be updated and confirmed by the Swiss authorities in Switzerland.

**Please note that this invitation is addressed specifically to holders of Swiss passports which will expire within the next 12 months.** The number of available appointment time slots is limited.

If you wish to receive further information about our consular services, please visit our website or send us an e-mail to [Mon.Vertretung@eda.admin.ch](mailto:Mon.Vertretung@eda.admin.ch)

SINCERELY, CONSULATE GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND IN MONTREAL

**Montréal:** La Société Suisse Romande

C'est avec grand plaisir que j'ai accepté la présidence de la Société Suisse Romande, mandat qui m'a été confié lors de la dernière assemblée générale tenue le 7 mars dernier à Farnham. Je voudrais remercier chaleureusement, au nom des membres du comité et de tous les membres de la Société Suisse Romande, Madame Jeannette Perriard, qui a été présidente pendant 11 années. Madame Perriard laisse une excellente succession derrière elle, un comité partiellement renouvelé et motivé qui prendra avec enthousiasme l'avenir de la Société Suisse Romande. Je tiens d'ores et déjà à les remercier de leur support dans l'organisation des activités à venir.

Voici les prochaines activités de la Société Suisse Romande: Pique-nique familial: le samedi 13 juin à Upton, détails à venir sous peu. Fête nationale de Suisse à Sutton: le samedi 1er août. Raclette: le dimanche 13 septembre, Bellefeuille. Choucroute: le samedi 14 novembre, Ste-Brigide-D'Iberville. Fête de la St-Nicolas: le dimanche 6 décembre, Otterburn Park.

En vue de la fête nationale du 1er août à Sutton, je lance un appel à tous nos membres et à leurs amis, afin qu'ils se portent bénévoles pendant quelques heures durant cette journée. Nous avons toujours besoin d'un nombre grandissant de bénévoles pour divers tâches durant la fête, que ce soit à l'entrée du site, pour le service de la raclette, ou autres tâches. Veuillez communiquer vos noms et disponibilités en écrivant à [societesuisseromande@gmail.com](mailto:societesuisseromande@gmail.com). La Société Suisse Romande est fière de pouvoir remercier ses bénévoles lors d'un repas dans les mois suivants la fête du 1er août.

Membres du comité 2015 de la Société Suisse Romande:

Raphaël Delacombaz, président; Bernard Mathieu, vice-président; Françoise Luginbühl, trésorière; Myriam Troesch, secrétaire; administrateur(e)s du comité: Gérard Mojonnet, Jeannette Perriard, Karine Masserey, Barbara Gasser, Alfred Delaquis.

Nous invitons aussi tous les nouveaux arrivants dans la province à se joindre à notre Société. Une visite rapide sur notre site internet: <http://www.societesuisseromande.org/ch/> vous informe sur nos activités et autres sujets d'intérêts.

RAPHAËL DELACOMBAZ

**Montréal:** Swiss Women's Club Edelweiss

Thanks to the generosity of donors and visitors of the Bazaar, the Club was able to distribute \$7,000 to various local charities. Thank you to all our donators, volunteers and their families and to our visitors. Club members will be participating at the Swiss National Day festivities in Sutton this August 1<sup>st</sup>. Look for the ladies in traditional dress.

Grâce à la générosité de donateurs et visiteurs au Bazar, le Club a pu distribuer un total de 7 000 \$ en dons à des œuvres caritatives locales. Nous tenons à remercier nos donateurs, nos bénévoles et leurs familles et tous nos visiteurs.

De nombreuses membres participeront de nouveau aux festivités de la Fête Nationale Suisse à Sutton ce 1<sup>er</sup> août. Cherchez les dames en costume traditionnel.

ERIKA SCHIMANN

**Montreal:** Matterhorn Swiss Club

Our Annual General Meeting was held at Terra Mare Restaurant where we enjoyed another delicious dinner. Our committee for 2015 remains unchanged: President: Walter Spirig, Vice-President: Christian Walz, Treasurer: Gilbert Berthoud, Secretary: Joanne Spirig, Member-at-large: Annelise Oppliger.

Our most recent event was the very popular Winter Fun Weekend at Mont-Tremblant. This year, the weather was absolutely perfect, and those present enjoyed walking in the woods, snowshoeing, cross-country and downhill skiing. Some even enjoyed the sunshine up on the roof terrace! On Saturday evening, after the traditional fondue supper, Henry Oppliger brought out his accordion; the club provided the songbooks, and so we had a fun evening of singing and joke telling.

As usual, our club will help out at the Swiss National Day celebrations at Mont-Sutton, and we will be asking our members to volunteer a few hours to help make this event a success. Our summer picnic will be once again held in mid August, with thanks to Remy & Rudy Pfister who will host this event.

We hold five or six events or outings each year, and we are pleased to say these are always well-attended. We continue to welcome new members to our club as well. For more information, please call (514) 694-3718.

WALTER SPIRIG

**Ottawa:** Ottawa Valley Swiss Club

Our first event this year was the OVSC Annual General Meeting, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. An address by His Excellency, Dr. Beat Nobs, Ambassador of Switzerland, informed us on the current issues affecting Switzerland and the state of relations with Canada. He also emphasized the importance of keeping the Swiss traditions, especially our language.

We are pleased that the Swiss Theater Group Toronto returned to visit again in April. They delighted the audience with their play "E verhänngnisvulli Nacht" at our traditional theater night. A week later, the Montagna Singers held their successful Spring Dance.

Please note that the date and venue of the 1. August Celebration has changed. The Seaway Valley Swiss Club invited us to a joint celebration as in the past, when the 1. August is on a Saturday. It is always fun to be on a farm on this special day. This time it will be in Casselman.

The Annual Golf Tournament has been moved to the fall. Our next events are: Swiss National Holiday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, Annual Golf Tournament, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Montagna Singers "Metzgete", November 7<sup>th</sup>, and complemented by monthly luncheons held by the Swiss Seniors. We would like to welcome Olivia Craft as our newest board member. For a list of events, news and updates, or to contact the Ottawa Valley Swiss Club, please visit our website [www.ottawavalleyswissclub.ca](http://www.ottawavalleyswissclub.ca).

HELEN NATTERER

**Mitchell:** Swiss Club Thames Valley

The Metzgete/Jass Meisterschaft at the Legion in Milverton and our theatre afternoon in Moorefield, put on by the Theatre Group from Toronto, were both a great success and we had an awesome turnout. At the Metzgete and Jass Meisterschaft we were first treated to some great food, followed by some intense work for those who worked themselves up to the Jass finals.

In April, our executive group had a terrific day at our annual excursion. This year we started out in Hensell at the Ice Culture Inc. where we had an interesting guided tour, we learned all about how the ice sculptures are made. Then our trip lead us to Huron Ridge Acres, where we were treated to an early taste of spring. We had a tour and were shown how seeding and potting is done in big quantities. Some of us took the opportunity to go pansy shopping. Afterwards, we treated ourselves to a delicious dinner at the Docks in Bayfield. Followed by Brunch (Chörli) May 31<sup>st</sup>, as well as the Motorcycle Tour (Walter Burkhardt) July 12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>.

Our next event coming up is the Bundesfeier in Monkton, where we have a full day planned for everyone to enjoy. Starting off with homemade Veggy Soup at 10 am, then the official start at 11 am with ceremonies etc., and in the afternoon we have "Stein Stossen", "Armbrust Schiessen", Games for the Kids as well as just about non-stop entertainment by the Jodler, Chörli, Swiss Farmers Band, Alphornbläser, Schweizerörgeli group, etc. Don't forget, we are also Dancing the night away with the Golden Keys. You will also have the chance to indulge in Bratwurst, Cervelats and Steaks off the BBQ as well as other well known Swiss foods. Following are the event dates for the rest of 2015:

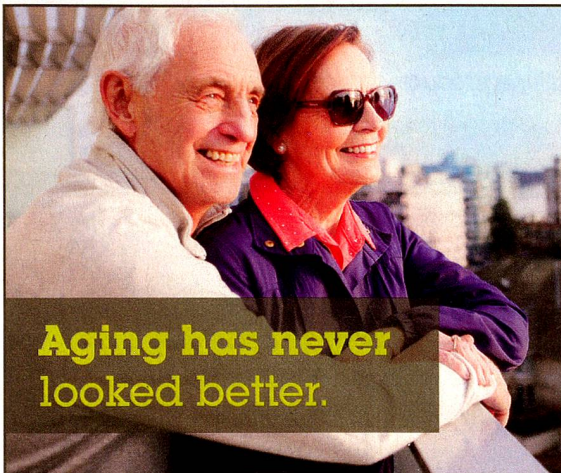
August 30: Seniorentreff (Chörli); October 3: Jodler Stubete, Recreation Complex Milverton; November 7: Generalversammlung Swiss Club, Milverton Legion; November 21: Konzert Swiss Farmer Band, Recreation Complex Milverton; December 6: Advents Feier, Milverton Legion. We hope everyone will enjoy all the different events. If you would like to learn more about us, look us up online at our website [www.swissclubthamesvalley.com](http://www.swissclubthamesvalley.com), call Cathy 519 529 3263, or e-mail at [cstaehli@hotmail.ca](mailto:cstaehli@hotmail.ca)

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**Toronto:** Swiss Club Toronto-Swiss National Day Celebration  
Sunday, July 26, 2015, Country Heritage Park, Milton, 12-5 pm

The Swiss Club Toronto cordially invites you and your friends to a fun filled afternoon with great entertainment, Swiss food, refreshments, our famous Nussgipfel, wagon rides, and much more.

Take your family to make new friends and renew old acquaintances. Meet Swiss artists and enjoy their work, and don't forget our famous raffle.

**12:00 noon - The park opens**

Visit some of the thirty heritage buildings. Taste great Swiss food, coffee and Nussgipfel. Beer, wine and soft drinks are also available.

**1:30 pm - Official celebration and entertainment until 4:30 pm,** followed by our famous raffle draw.

**Directions from Toronto:**

Country Heritage Park is located at 8560 Tremaine Road, west of Milton, Ontario. Take the 401 west to Highway

25 exit. Go north to the third traffic light, turn left onto Side Road 5/Regional Road 9. After three kilometers turn left onto Tremaine Road (hidden intersection). Go over the 401 bridge and the Park is immediately on the right.

For more information please visit our website: [www.swissclubtoronto.ca](http://www.swissclubtoronto.ca)

For park information, go to: [www.countryheritagepark.com](http://www.countryheritagepark.com)

SASCHA FRASSINI



**Montréal:** L'amicale Suisse des Laurentides

Après ce long carême froid et glacial, quoi de mieux, pour la saison estivale, nos activités et rencontres les dimanches reprennent. Dès fin juin le traditionnel cochonnet sur la broche. A l'agenda le 30 août les Pic Bois de Montréal vous divertiront sur la terrasse dès l'après-midi jusqu'au souper. Musique de chez nous ... L'AMI GERARD

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**Montréal:** Fédération des sociétés Suisses de l'est du Canada  
Chers Compatriotes et Amis de la Suisse,

Nous célébrerons la 39<sup>e</sup> édition de la Fête Nationale Suisse à Sutton le Samedi 1<sup>er</sup> Août 2015. C'est avec grand plaisir que nous invitons tous les ressortissants suisses et leurs amis de toutes origines à se joindre à nous pour découvrir la région d'Appenzell, ses traditions, ses spécialités, sa musique, sa culture. Nous aurons le plaisir de vous présenter le quintette «Knechtle» venu directement de l'Appenzell Rhodes-Intérieures. Nous accueillerons aussi des groupes folkloriques traditionnels locaux, des chœurs, chanteurs et danseurs ainsi que des joueurs de cors des Alpes et plusieurs autres artistes de traditions Suisses. Il y aura également des activités pour les enfants ainsi que pour les adultes.

Nous ne pourrions pas tenir cette fête sans l'appui considérable des bénévoles de 18 clubs suisses distincts actifs au Québec et la contribution généreuse des nombreux commanditaires. Enfin, nous aimerions aussi remercier notre Consulat et la Ville de Sutton pour leur soutien indéfectible. Nous espérons vous voir nombreux à Sutton.

PETER FUHRER



This celebration would not be possible without the support of the volunteers of the 18 different Swiss clubs that are active in Quebec as well as the many generous sponsors. We also wish to extend our thanks to our Consulate and the municipality of Sutton for their continued support. We hope to see many of you in Sutton.

PETER FUHRER

**Montreal:** Föderation der Schweizer Klubs im Osten von Kanada  
Liebe Landsleute und Freunde der Schweiz,

Dieses Jahr wird unser Nationalfeiertag am 1. August in Sutton stattfinden. Es macht mir große Freude, alle Schweizer und Schweizerinnen und deren Freunde jeglicher Nationalität nach Sutton einzuladen. Die diesjährige Bundesfeier ist der Region Appenzell gewidmet, welches weltweit bekannt ist für die wunderschöne Landschaft, Kunsthandwerk, Folklore Musik und viele weitere alt eingesessene Traditionen. Natürlich werden wir auch wieder lokale Gesangsgruppen, Alphornbläser und viele andere traditionelle schweizerische Attraktion anbieten. Auch dieses Jahr haben wir verschiedene Spiele für Jung und Alt auf dem Programm. Wie in den vergangenen Jahren ist es uns auch dieses wieder Jahr möglich—dank den großzügigen Sponsoren und Inserenten einer Musikgruppe—das Quintett Knechtle aus dem Appenzell nach Sutton einzufliegen.

Ohne die Hilfe von weit über hundert Helfern von den 18 verschiedenen Schweizer Klubs, welche in Quebec aktiv sind, wäre es uns unmöglich diesen Tag abzuhalten. Weiterhin schätzen wir auch sehr die gute Zusammenarbeit mit unserem Konsulat sowie mit der Gemeinde Sutton.

Wir danken Euch allen zum Voraus recht herzlich fürs aktive Mitmachen. Bis bald in Sutton!

PETER FUHRER

**Montreal:** Federation of Swiss Societies of Eastern Canada

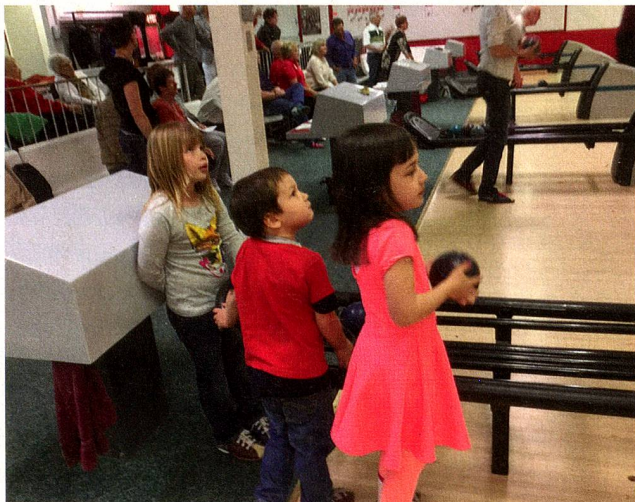
Dear Compatriots and Friends of Switzerland,

We will be celebrating the Swiss National Day in Sutton on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> of August. It is with great pleasure that we invite all Swiss citizens and their friends of all origins to come discover the region of Appenzell, its traditions, its specialities, its music, its culture. We have the pleasure of presenting "Knechtle" quintet, coming especially from Appenzell Innerrhoden. We will also be featuring traditional local folklore groups, choirs, singers and dancers as well as alphorn players plus many more traditional Swiss attractions.

There will also be plenty of activities for the children and for adults.

**Vernon:** Interior Swiss Club

Pictured below left are the young and the very young members of the Interior Swiss Club at their annual bowling tournament in Kamloops last April. The bowling techniques were amusing to watch. Our nine year old participant Samantha chose to do a belly landing to place her ball exactly right, and others stood, swung, dropped and rolled the balls to achieve successful strikes and spares to the cheers of our onlookers. For results and more pictures go to the website at <http://www.interiorswissclub.ca>



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