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# REGIONAL NEWS

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

### Editorial

Dear readers,

This will be the highlight of 2020: Roger Federer's Match in Africa will take place on African soil for the very first time! Federer and Nadal will attempt to set the world record for most attendees at a tennis match; the Cape Town stadium can hold 55000 people. Get your tickets before the event is sold out.

Happy reading,

Gisela Piercy



GISELA PIERCY,  
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SOUTHERN AFRICA

### ROGER FEDERER'S FIRST MATCH IN AFRICA IN CAPE TOWN

**Roger Federer will play in Cape Town for the benefit of children in the region. The much-anticipated match between the two tennis icons Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal is set to take place at the Cape Town Stadium in Cape Town on 7 February 2020.**

Tickets start at ZAR 150 or 11 USD, making the event accessible to as many tennis fans in South Africa as possible, with various hospitality packages also available. Official tickets sales opened via Computicket on 4 September. In addition to offering South African fans a once in a lifetime experience in their home country, the event has a deeper purpose - to channel all profits to the Roger Federer Foundation's educational efforts in rural areas in Southern Africa.

The Foundation focuses on education, as this is one of the most powerful means of change in a person's life. With a focus on the improvement of the quality of early learning, the Foundation works with local communities and leaders to affect change at grassroots level.

#### First match on African soil

The Match in Africa is the 6th edition of this event, but the first to

be played in Africa. As an entertainment extravaganza, the event will feature a celebrity curtain-raiser match, local entertainers, interactive fun with the crowd, a world record attempt to set the world record for most attendees at a tennis match - and

the highlight - the match between 20-time Grand Slam Champion Roger Federer and 18-time Grand Slam Champion and rival Rafael Nadal.

The Match in Africa is presented by ROLEX, and Credit Suisse is one of the official sponsors. The net



Federer and Nadal to attempt world attendance record in Cape Town.



All the proceeds of the Match in Africa go to the Roger Federer Foundation.

proceeds of the Exhibition Night will go to the Roger Federer Foundation.

It is not confirmed yet if the South African comedian Trevor Noah and Microsoft Founder Bill Gates will be attending the event, playing a doubles tennis match with the two champions.

## NEW SWISS AMBASSADOR

**From Berne to Pretoria: In July Dr. Nicolas Brühl started his new position as Ambassador of Switzerland to South Africa.**

We warmly welcome Dr. Nicolas Brühl, the new Ambassador of Switzerland to South Africa, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mauritius and Namibia. He arrived in South Africa on 30 July. Ambassador Brühl succeeds Ambassador Helene Budliger Artieda. Ambassador Brühl was previously posted in Berne as Head of the Europe, Central Asia,



Council of Europe, OSCE Division at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. Before that he served as the Ambassador of Switzerland in Uzbekistan. We wish him and his family a great start and a wonderful time in South Africa.

Dario Lanzillo, Head of the Regional Consular Center, born and raised in the canton of Aargau. His career started at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in 1997, and since, he has had the honour to work for Swiss Representations in 9 different countries worldwide.

Mr. Lanzillo moved to Pretoria from Amman, Jordan, after 4 years as the Head of Chancery covering Jordan and Iraq. He arrived in Pretoria on 25 July, accompanied by his wife and their two boys. He is looking forward to the new challenging position at the Embassy of Switzerland in Pretoria with its diversities which not only covers South Africa, but also 10 countries in the region. He is looking forward to getting the opportunity to meet with the Swiss community and interlocutors in the region.

## ASO

On 16th August, your ASO delegate Hans-Georg Bosch attended the ASO session in Montreux. The main topics during the council meeting were the E-Voting saga and the still unresolved banking account issues for Swiss Expats. The forthcoming elections of the National Council parliamentarians in September were another topic discussed. The full report of the council session will be forwarded to all club presidents as soon as it has been received.

Left: Dr. Nicolas Brühl

Left: Dario Lanzillo

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Our Clubs of Society: Afro Gugge, Amicale Suisse Romande, Boccia, Skittling Club. Associated Groups: Swiss Choir, Swiss Rifle Club, Swiss Golf, G.S.N.A Senior Swiss Circle meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month for Lunch Swiss Ladies meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month for lunch. Swiss Rifle Club Johannesburg: We shoot every 4th Sat of the month, from 9am. We normally shoot two different programs, with Swiss rifles, provided by the club. Visit our Facebook site or call Daniel: 082-5699146.

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On 3<sup>rd</sup> August we held our 1<sup>st</sup> August Celebration at the Church Hall of the Johannesgemeinde, next to the DSP. At this function we had the pleasure of welcoming the new Ambassador Designate to SA, HE Dr. Nicolas Brühl and his wife Denise, together with their two daughters. The New Head of the Regional Consular Centre, Mr Dario Lanzilla and his family, were present at our function, as well. It was one of our most successful events in recent years. The Year End Braai will be held at the same venue on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

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C 082 569 8446. To receive the "newsflash" contact the club at [catering@swissclub.co.za](mailto:catering@swissclub.co.za) or on 0214348405. The Swiss club Cape Town is open for dinner every Thursday evening. Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month is Pensioner's Lunch. Join the Swiss Jass players every LAST thursday of the month. There is much more happening at our club, meeting

friends, host a party, club events etc. For more information, please send an email to: [info@swissclub.co.za](mailto:info@swissclub.co.za). The independent Swiss Rifle Club can be found on the Swiss Club Cape Town club's website [www.swissclub.co.za](http://www.swissclub.co.za) under rifle club and on Facebook. President: Dierk Lüthi, [hdluthi@gmail.com](mailto:hdluthi@gmail.com) & [dierk@telkom.co.za](mailto:dierk@telkom.co.za); C 0834414626. Shooting takes place mostly at the SA Navy 'Klawer Valley' range off Red Hill road above Simon's Town. Shooting dates and times are listed on the website and on the 2 Facebook pages.

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Once again, the Swiss Club Port Elizabeth has celebrated the Swiss National Day. Around 80 people - adults, children and friends - got together and enjoyed this extraordinary day with excellent food and drinks. The attendance of Mrs Verena Mathis, envoy of the Consulate General in Cape Town, was a special honor. She conveyed greetings from Switzerland and presented us with original Swiss chocolate. The large number of participants shows us once more the importance and significance of these events for us Swiss far away from our original homeland and which we would certainly not want to miss. Special thanks go to all the helpers who made this event possible.

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50 Jahre Jubilaeum! Die Schweizer Fahne sieht man nicht häufig in Namibia. Trotzdem gibt es eine

langbestehende Schweizergemeinschaft und seit 50 Jahren den Schweizer Club Namibia. Dieses runde Jubiläum wurde am 25. Mai auf der River Crossing Lodge Nähe Windhoek gebührend gefeiert. Die Schweizer Botschaft in Pretoria lud die Landsleute zu einem Empfang ein. Nach einer netten Begrüssung von Konsul François Duvanel gab es „s Chübl, Wif“ und andere Getränke. Nach dem gelungenen Apero ging es auf Einladung des Clubs zu einem Mittagessen. Die Tische waren in den Nationalfarben Rot und Weiss geschmückt; bei jedem Platz lag eine Jubiläumsschrift, die zu diesem 50. Geburtstag zusammengestellt wurde. Ein Buffet mit Schweizer Spezialitäten fand grossen Anklang. Während

des Essens hat Ruedi Imhof, Verwalter des Clubs, dem ehemaligen Präsidenten, Peter Hess, und einem Gründungsmitglied des Clubs, Victor Grimm, und ihren Frauen Christa und Hilary, als Dank für ihren langjährigen Einsatz einen Geschenkkorb überreicht. Auch Tilly Neuenschwander bekam, leider in Abwesenheit, unter grossem Applaus ein Geschenk. Sie war 31 Jahre Kassiererin des Clubs.

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Left: Stolz auf 50 Jahre  
Swiss Club Namibia

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