CSA. Elections of four Australian Candidates

The four members who represented our country on the CSA in the past have offered themselves for re-election for the period 2013-2017. Since they have made such a valuable contribution during the past four years, they were duly nominated as our representatives for the new period. They are, as you know:

- Marc Godat from Brisbane
- Noemi Guyer from Sydney
- Roland Isler from Melbourne
- Beat Knoblauch from Sydney

Since there are four vacancies on the Council for our country, and no additional nominations were received, I declare them as elected and congratulate them on behalf of all the Swiss in our country. These are voluntary positions, and apart from personal contributions and attendance at meetings in Switzerland on our behalf, involve personal financial outlays. I would like to add a word of thanks and appreciation for all they do on our behalf and for their continued enthusiasm of all things Swiss. Carry on the good work!

Peter Meury, Past Delegate CSA, Responsible for Australian Elections

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Consulate. Consular Consultation in Brisbane

The Consulate General is coming to Brisbane in November this year. Emails will be sent out in due time, so make sure your email is correctly registered with the Consulate.

In November 2012, a team of the Consulate General was present in the Swissclub in Melbourne to offer consular consultations days and to collect biometrical data for Swiss identity documents with special technical equipment. The presence of this team spared more than 120 people the time-consuming journey to Sydney. This year, the Consulate General will be in Brisbane in the second half of November 2013 offering the same services in Queensland. All Swiss registered at the Consulate General of Switzerland with an address in Queensland will receive the necessary information about these important Consular Consultation days well in advance. This information will be transmitted by electronic means. Therefore, please make sure that your personal data in your file with the Consulate General in Sydney are entirely correct, particularly your e-mail-Address and mobile number. You can send us an update any time by simply forwarding your details to syd.vertretung@eda.admin.ch.

I would like to use this opportunity to say good-bye to you. I have been in Australia together with my wife Christa since August 2009 and we will be leaving Australia already at the end of May to take over the directorate of the Consulate General of Switzerland in Frankfurt am Main. It was a great pleasure being with you for the last four years and we very much enjoyed our frequent trips to the different festivities of the Swiss Community all over Australia. My successor will be Mr. Ernst Steinmann. Ernst is currently the Swiss Consul General in St. Petersburg in Russia and he will arrive in Australia by the end of August 2013. I am sure Ernst and his partner Edith are looking forward to coming to Australia and I'm convinced they will soon feel at home in this beautiful country.

Markus Meli, Consul General of Switzerland

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28-30/5 Swiss Pavillon @ CeBIT, Sydney

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Alpenrose

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Ladies Luncheon

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Convener: Heidi Giger

Tel: (03) 9889 9321

Bookings essential with the Swiss Club.

SwissKIDS

Convener: Esther Blaser-Tokarev

Tel: 0424 220 523

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For Swiss kids of all ages. 1st Saturday of the month, 2–4 pm at the Swiss Club.

The Swiss Companion Singers

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107 Glyndon Road

Camberwell Vic 3124

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2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month.

SwissDiners Club

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SwissDinersClub/

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

19 Lockwood Rd

Belgrave Heights VIC 3160

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www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn

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Erwin Weimann

South Australia

Swiss Club of South Australia

PO Box 770

North Adelaide SA 5006

President: Bruno Zueger

swissclubsa@gmail.com

www.swiss.org.au/swisssusaha

SA EVENTS

21/4 Bike ride

1/6 Fondue night

For more details on any up coming event please refer to the Swiss Express.

Regular Events:

“Hockete” every month – 1st Friday of the month - come and join us along for a meal and a drink.

“Jass abig” every 2nd month - first Friday (same date as Hockete) play with us a hand of Jass at the Austrian Association at 11–17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6 pm onwards.

The “Schwyzer-Frauechaernzi” Every first Monday of the month. You are more then welcome to join the Swiss Ladies of the “Frauechaernzi”. For further details please call Rosmarie Copeland on (08) 8336 5932.

Swiss Corner Radio SRF FM Adelaide

The Swiss Radio Corner “Schweizerecke” every Saturday evening from 6–7 pm on 103.1FM. Please phone in on (08) 8211 7066 and make a request.

Western Australia

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Northbridge WA 6865

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SwissClub

Melbourne VIC 3000


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What do we know of the history of the flag? In The Argus’ newspaper, dated Tuesday, 10 April 1860, an article was discovered that describes a gathering of Swiss colonists at a shooting completion near Geelong. It says that Samuel Rentsch, Swiss Consul in Mel- bourne... appeared on the platform behind the firing shed, and, in the name of the ladies of Zurich, presented a very handsomely-worked silk flag to the Swiss of Victoria.”... “He concluded by hoping that the Swiss would value the gift of their fair countrywomen of Zurich, and preserve its honour unaltered at all peril.” The reporter goes on describing the flag in detail and so we also know what the reverse side of the flag looks like: “…on one side was the emblem of strength, viz., a bundle of rods, through which was passed a spear, a sword, and a rifle, with the motto in Swiss over – ‘Eintracht macht stark’…”

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Canberra Swiss Club Choir
If you enjoy singing in a small group on a regular basis, then our choir is just right for you. We sing traditional songs in our national languages. From time to time the choir performs with the German and Austrian choirs. Rehearsals are held at the Harmonie German Club from 6pm to 7.10pm on the last Tuesday of every month. Check the web or contact the coordinator Regula Neilsen at neilsong@netspeed.com.au.

Canberra Community Radio FM91.1 broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 5-7pm. Gabby and Werner present an informative and entertaining program with local content and news from Switzerland. So tune in your radios on Monday nights.

Heinz Buettikofer, President

New South Wales

NSW EVENTS
20/4 2nd Luncheon, Eiger (Care Soc.)
5/5 Googooin Bronte (Sch.I.Kids)
18/5 Dinner Dance, Australian Club
2/6 Darling Harb.Playg. (Sch.I.Kids)
9/6 Buure Zmorje, Austrian Club
16/6 Raclette (Cercle Romand)
30/6 Cycle Tour
(all events organized by the Swiss Club except where otherwise stated. Please check website/newsflash for updates)

Regular Monthly NSW Events:
1st Monday: Social evening, jass, and Committee meeting (Eiger)

Regular NSW Events (cont.)
1st Wednesday: Swiss Entrepreneurs Lunch (Lord Nelson brewery)
1st Thursday: Cercle Romand, soiree pub
2nd Friday: Social Evening (Frenchs For.)
Last Friday – Swiss Play Grp (Frenchs For.)

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA) President: Ursula Schappi www.swiscoerculture.org.au

Swiss Entrepreneurs info@swissentrepreneurs.com.au www.swissentrepreneurs.com.au

Dr. Jass in the sunshine” with Hans Brügger, Gaby Hasler, Hanspeter Studer and Gaby Hoffmann

Upper Colo River Camping weekend

The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney

27 Burra Road
Artarmon NSW 2064
President: Alois Kretz
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akretz@bigpond.net.au

The yodelers and alphorn players participated in the Swiss Festival held in Melbourne on Sunday 17 January, 2013. There was not a cloud in the sky and the sun beat down mercilessly. In other words it was hot! Whilst there was no moisture to dampen our spirits, a great time was had by all who attended. The group was able to catch up with and renew our strong friendship with the Swiss Yodel Choir, “Matterhorn” of Melbourne.

The annual harbour cruise on 23 February, 2013 was completed before a severe storm hit Sydney for which we were very grateful. The Consul General, Mr. Markus Meli was thanked for his continual support of the Yodelers during his time in Australia. We wished him and his wife Christa well in their new posting.

Alois Kretz, President

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Le cercle romand regroupe toute personne intéressée par la pratique et le maintien du français. Le cercle est basé à Sydney; il a pour but de créer des contacts entre nos membres par le biais de sorties et réunions régulières. Au plaisir de vous rencontrer.

Pour le comité, Christian Dubois, secrét.

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Queensland Events
21/4  25 Jubilee Jass Meisterschaft
4/5  Fondue (SSQ)
5/5  Fondue in the Backyard (FC)
30/5 Film Night
2/6  Buderim Lunch (SCCS)
9/6  Australian Jass Championship
9/6  Swiss Dinner & Folkloric Show
(oorganized by SSQ unless otherwise stated)

Jass Regular Jass evenings held each alternate week. We now have a begin-
ner’s table for those wanting to learn the game and a French card table
Contact: Fredy Vogel: 3289 1183, or Ritas Roth: 0433 707 144

USEFUL ONLINE REFERENCES

Swiss Revue Online (ad-rates / deadlines / history / downloads)
Organisation of the Swiss Abroad
ASO Portal Australia (Local CSA Delegates / Hot Topics)
Actual News by swissinfo/SRI
Swiss Clubs on the Net in Australia
OASI/DI and voluntary contributions (AHV)
Internet platform for the Swiss Abroad

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Swiss German Playgroup every Tuesday at various playgrounds. Contact Sandra Landolt on 0402 655 158 or e-mail sandralandolt@yahoo.com.au or visit swissplaygroup.blogspot.com.

Ruth Milwright, President

Swiss Community Care Society

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Armin Roth

Margaret Gilmartin @ Gold Coast BBQ

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Baerg-Roeseli meets every second
Thursday at the Danish Club at the
same time as the Jass group to practice
singing with our excellent teacher, play
Swiss music and enjoy the company
of our Swiss friends. We have several
opportunities to perform for the wider
Swiss community as well as bookings
for private functions. If you would be
interested in joining us or booking a
function we welcome your enquiries.
Katja Wallimann Gates, President

Baerg-Roeseli @ 1 August
Foto: Lydia Haas

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The games night in January had to be
cancelled due to the stormy weather
from cyclone Oswald which brought
heavy rainfalls and high winds to our
area with the associated risks of flood-
ning and falling trees.

Our regular monthly “Ladies Lunch”
on the first Friday of every month con-
tinues to be popular, with the ladies
meeting at a different venue on the
Sunshine Coast every month to catch
up and have a chat. The men no lon-
er wanted to miss out and have started
to have their own “Gentlemen’s Lunch”
on the same day as the Ladies, but at a
different restaurant and is organized
by Franz Kaeck.

We invite all Swiss on the Sunshine
Coast, their families and friends to join
us for these fun events, to enjoy good
company, keep in touch with old mates
and make new friends!

Please ring Hanni if you like to have a
chat and find out more, we are happy
to help. We also welcome your enquir-
ies and suggestions via email; you will
get a prompt response.

Beatrice Bruin-Broennimann