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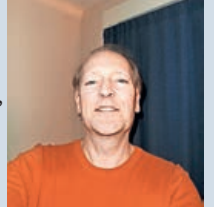
CANADA

Editorial

Facing political and economic turbulence, Canadians are on edge about their country's future. Should we turn inward toward greater self-sufficiency or look outward for new alliances? Even respected news outlets are now entertaining a bold idea: applying to

become the 28th EU member state! Our new (unelected) Prime Minister has called Canada "the most European of non-European countries." Proponents argue that the EU has already accepted several members under a rather flexible definition of "Europe." So, why not apply now and sort out the details later? But

imagine the hypothetical paradox—a vast, distant nation joining the Union, while Switzerland, at its very heart, remains outside! What a twist! avs@telus.net



ANDREW VON STUERMER
REGIONAL EDITOR

Elections to the Council of the Swiss Abroad

The upcoming direct elections to the Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA) are your opportunity to influence decisions affecting our global community. With nine dedicated candidates ready to represent you, it's time to **make your vote count!** **Why Vote?** The CSA serves as the "Parliament of the Fifth Switzerland," advocating for the interests of Swiss citizens living abroad. By participating, you ensure our perspectives are heard in Swiss policymaking. **Who may vote?** Swiss citizens registered with their Consulate in Canada, and who have provided their email address. **When and how?** Keep an eye on your email for voting instructions. Voting: **April 11 – May 11.**

THE CANDIDATES

EAST (Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Nunavut, Bahamas): **2 delegates to be elected**

✳ **Carle-Mossdorf, Jean-René** - Montreal, QC. Engineer, 1983
www.linkedin.com/in/jrcarle

✳ **Lanoue, Carole-Marie** - Gatineau, QC.
Communication strategist + business & project manager, 1957
www.facebook.com/kayak.queen.1

✳ **Magnenat, Philippe** - Blainville, QC.
City Councillor and Deputy Mayor, 1961
www.linkedin.com/in/philippe-magnenat-91a7aa37

CENTRE (Ontario, Manitoba): **2 delegates to be elected**

✳ **Bühlmann-Miyake, Guido** - North York, ON.
Entrepreneur - Architecture & IT, 1970
www.linkedin.com/in/guido-b%C3%BChlmann-miyake-759542141

✳ **Naef, Brendan** - National Capital Region. Lawyer, 1976
www.linkedin.com/in/brendan-naef-a51870313

✳ **Nizzola, Andrea** - Toronto, ON. Hotel Manager, 1986
www.linkedin.com/in/andreasnizzola

✳ **Warkus, Léonie** - National Capital Region. Student, 2002
www.linkedin.com/in/leoniewarkus

WEST (Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Yukon): **2 delegates to be elected**

✳ **Arn, Thomas** - West Vancouver, BC. Entrepreneur, 1960
www.linkedin.com/in/thomas-arn

✳ **Méan, Pascal** - Calgary, AB.
Retired medical dentist and oral surgeon, 1964
www.linkedin.com/in/pascal-m%C3%A9an-20b8b429

INFORMATION: www.swisscommunity.org/de/elections

ANTOINE BELAIEFF

Élection du Conseil des Suisses de l'étranger

L'élection directe du Conseil des Suisses de l'étranger (CSE) est votre opportunité d'influencer les décisions affectant notre communauté mondiale. Avec 9 candidats dévoués prêts à vous représenter, **il est temps de faire valoir votre vote!** **Pourquoi voter ?** Le CSE sert de "Parlement de la Cinquième Suisse", défendant les intérêts des citoyens suisses vivant à l'étranger. En participant, vous vous assurez que nos perspectives soient entendues dans l'élaboration des politiques suisses. **Qui vote ?** Les citoyens suisses enregistrés auprès de leur consulat au Canada, et qui ont fourni leur adresse e-mail. **Quand et comment ?** Gardez un œil sur votre e-mail pour les instructions de vote. Période de vote : **11 avril – 11 mai 2025.**

LES CANDIDATS

EST (Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador, Nouvelle-Écosse, Nouveau-Brunswick, Île-du-Prince-Édouard, Québec, Nunavut, Bahamas) : **2 délégués à élire**

✳ **Carle-Mossdorf, Jean-René** - Montréal, QC. Ingénieur, 1983
www.linkedin.com/in/jrcarle

✳ **Lanoue, Carole-Marie** - Gatineau, QC. Stratège en communication et gestion des affaires et de projets, 1957
www.facebook.com/kayak.queen.1

✳ **Magnenat, Philippe** - Blainville, QC.
Conseiller municipal et maire suppléant, 1961
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✳ **Bühlmann-Miyake, Guido** - North York, ON.
Entrepreneur - Architecture et TI, 1970
www.linkedin.com/in/guido-b%C3%BChlmann-miyake-759542141

✳ **Naef, Brendan** - Région de la Capitale Nationale. Juriste, 1976
www.linkedin.com/in/brendan-naef-a51870313

✳ **Nizzola, Andrea** - Toronto, ON. Hôtelier, 1986
www.linkedin.com/in/andreasnizzola

✳ **Warkus, Léonie** - Région de la Capitale Nationale. Étudiante, 2002
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OUEST (Saskatchewan, Alberta, Colombie-Britannique, Territoires du Nord-Ouest, Yukon) : **2 délégués à élire**

✳ **Arn, Thomas** - West Vancouver, BC. Entrepreneur, 1960
www.linkedin.com/in/thomas-arn

✳ **Méan, Pascal** - Calgary, AB.
Dentiste et chirurgien maxillo-facial à la retraite, 1964
www.linkedin.com/in/pascal-m%C3%A9an-20b8b429

INFORMATION: www.swisscommunity.org/fr/elections

ANTOINE BELAIEFF

Elections to the Council of the Swiss Abroad: Candidate Profile - Meet Thomas Arn

As a Swiss citizen living abroad and a dedicated advocate for my fellow Swiss expats, I am honoured to seek re-election to the Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA). During my first term (2021 - 2025)



as a CSA delegate, I witnessed firsthand how essential it is to connect with people, understand different outlooks, accept diverse perspectives, and find solutions.

I'm committed to applying this experience to ensure our community's voice is heard and that we remain informed, engaged, and connected to our heritage.

About Thomas

Born in Biel / Bienne, I have been living in Canada since 1990 and currently reside in Vancouver. After completing my Matura in Biel, I earned a Master of Science from the University of Berne. My mother tongue is German, and I am fully fluent in English, with a working knowledge of French and Italian. My wife, Diana, and I have a daughter, Sierra, who is pursuing her master's degree at the University of British Columbia.

I'm an **entrepreneur** and own and operate SBO Distributors Ltd. (www.swissbo.com) - a wholesale distribution business - as well as a retail company, Stories-by-Swissbo (www.stories-by-swissbo.com).

My extensive worldwide travels have provided me with invaluable cultural and business insights, enabling me to offer authentic and meaningful products and build responsible businesses. I have supported Swiss businesses across Canada and helped bridge Swiss and Canadian markets.

Presently, I'm actively involved in various Swiss organisations, specifically as:

- Elected CSA Delegate representing Western Canada (2021-2025);
- President of the Swiss Canadian Chamber of Commerce BC & AB;
- Advisor to the Swiss Edelweiss Village Foundation, Golden, BC;
- Member of the Swiss Society of Vancouver;
- Member of the Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association.

Why Representation on the CSA Matters

Swiss citizens abroad face unique challenges, among them staying connected to their heritage, building community, and accessing resources. Without strong representation on the CSA, these voices might remain unnoticed.

I believe it is crucial to:

- **Generate recognition:** Advocate for the Swiss community abroad to ensure that key issues are brought to light and addressed;
- **Create opportunities:** Support and connect families, entrepreneurs, students, and professionals;
- **Strengthen Swiss-Canadian ties:** Deepen relationships between Switzerland and Canada and facilitate business, scientific, educational, and cultural exchanges;
- **Support future generations:** Encourage younger Swiss citizens in Canada to connect with their Swiss heritage and to cultivate a strong sense of identity;
- **Work with Swiss authorities:** Highlight the contributions the Swiss abroad make: in culture, business, science, technology, and education;
- **Keep the community informed:** Share timely updates on political, economic, cultural, scientific, technological, and educational developments in Switzerland through newsletters, social media, and in partnership with Swiss organisations.

Conclusion

My experience and motivation ensure that I will continue to be a strong, knowledgeable voice for the Swiss abroad. I'm passionate about serving the Swiss community and committed to advocating for your interests. Your voice matters. **I kindly ask for your vote and support.** Thank you!

Staying Connected

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Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver

Switzerland - Canada Relations: A Strong Partnership in Uncertain Times

Dear Fellow Swiss Citizens; Dear Readers:

In a world marked by geopolitical shifts and economic uncertainties, the relationship between Switzerland and Canada has stood as a beacon of stability and cooperation since 1945. Both nations, deeply committed to democracy, human rights, and multilateralism, continue to strengthen their partnership, which is built on shared values, robust economic ties, and collaboration.

Despite economic challenges, Swiss companies continue to thrive in Canada in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, finance, and technology, while Canada's presence in Switzerland is growing in clean energy and artificial intelligence. The cultural connections between the two nations remain strong. Both share French as an official language and are active members of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie. Swiss communities in Canada celebrate their heritage while embracing Canadian multiculturalism, fostering vibrant cultural exchanges that enrich both societies. In uncertain times, trusted partnerships are invaluable. The relationship between Switzerland and Canada continues to flourish through trade, culture, and diplomacy. Swiss citizens and businesses can take pride in this enduring connection while relying on unwavering support from our Swiss representations in Ottawa, Montreal, and Vancouver, as well as the Honorary Consulates in Calgary, Halifax, Québec City, Toronto, and Winnipeg.

On another note, the upcoming **elections to the Council of the Swiss Abroad** will mark the first time that you will have the opportunity to vote directly for your representatives. I strongly encourage each one of you to exercise your voting rights!

Finally, whether you use the app or the website, **SwissInTouch** (www.swissintouch.ch/onboarding) is the best way to stay informed about news relevant to the Swiss community abroad. With that, I send you my best wishes!

THOMAS SCHNEIDER
CONSUL GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND IN VANCOUVER

The Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver Supports Swiss Cinema at the Victoria Film Festival

The Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver has long been a supporter of the Victoria Film Festival, seeking to strengthen the cultural ties between Swiss and Canadian film communities. At the 2025 Victoria Film Festival, the Consulate proudly supported two well-received films—*Frieda's Case*, a Swiss production, and *Gloria!*, a Swiss co-production. Consul General Thomas Schneider was in attendance, reinforcing Switzerland's commitment to cultural engagement.



The 2025 Victoria Film Festival marked the international screening debut of *Frieda's Case*. The film was screened twice and generated an overwhelmingly positive response. Director Maria Brendle and lead actor Julia Buchmann attended the Festival and took part in engaging Q&A sessions. *Frieda's Case* was named *Best Feature Film* at the Festival, a testament to its strong storytelling and artistic merit.

The success of the two films reinvigorated the Consulate's commitment to strengthening the bonds between Swiss and Canadian film communities.

Introducing Disha Rambhiya: Public Diplomacy Officer at the Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver

Hello, my name is Disha Rambhiya. My work has always been about bringing people together through culture—whether through film, literature, or the arts. I've worked with the French Embassy and the Alliance Française, organising cultural projects that connect communities. Fluent in English and French, I enjoy working across languages and backgrounds to create meaningful conversations through the arts. I hold Master's degrees in psychology and education, as well as in teaching French as a foreign language. I also have experience in communications, content creation, and digital media.



I look forward to engaging with individuals and organisations interested in cultural exchange between Switzerland and Canada. If you are a visual artist, musician, dancer, theatre professional, filmmaker, or cultural curator looking to collaborate, I would be happy to facilitate introductions, provide resources, and support your initiatives. If you are a Swiss citizen abroad looking to stay connected with cultural events, a performer interested in Swiss-Canadian collaborations, or someone passionate about fostering cultural dialogue through the arts, I would also love to hear from you.

Reach out to me at vancouver@eda.admin.ch.

Yodel Club Heimattreu (Calgary)

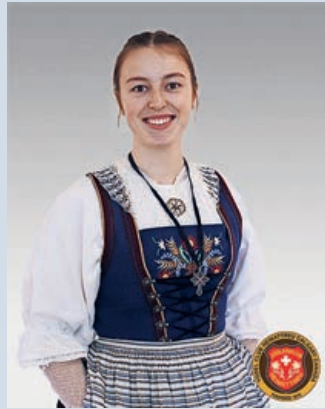
Spring is just around the corner, and event planning for the year has begun! There will be a yodel performance in June, so keep your eyes peeled for more information.

We're thrilled to announce that **two new singers have joined** our club! Meet Chris Trummer and Nicole Zumbuehl.

Chris was born in Calgary and grew up with strong connections to the Swiss community. Music has always been a big part of his life – he was a member of the Swiss children's choir, then directed it, and more recently, he's been playing guitar in a seven-piece jazz band.



Chris Trummer



Nicole Zumbuehl

Parallel to his life with music, Chris has been working as a firefighter with the Calgary Fire Department for just over 11 years. Like any good Albertan, he and his wife enjoy spending time outdoors and occasionally travelling in search of a musical experience. His favourite travel destination—apart from Switzerland, of course—was Iceland, where he descended 120 meters into the dormant lava chamber of the Þrihnúkar (mountain with three peaks) volcano. What an adrenaline rush that must have been!

Born in Olds, **Nicole** was raised surrounded by Swiss culture. A participant in the Swiss children's choir, she's always had a natural flair for singing. When she was younger, she even attended a week-long yodel camp in Switzerland! This past year, Nicole spent her time working and travelling in Switzerland. Now that she has returned to Canada, she feels it's important to keep Swiss culture alive in her life.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Nicole has joined the Yodel Club Heimattreu. In her free time, she plays on her community volleyball team and enjoys baking various goodies, such as muffins, bread, and squares. A jetsetter herself, one of Nicole's favourite travel destinations is the Netherlands, where she explored port cities on a sailing trip. She loved seeing and experiencing the country's rich culture, iconic architecture, and delicious food, with an honourable mention for stropwafels!

Welcome to the Yodel Club Heimattreu, Chris and Nicole!



It's already shaping up to be an exciting year, and we cannot wait for all that is to come—not only in the club events we will have, but also in the new friendships we will make along the way!

- Facebook: Yodel Club Heimattreu - Jodlerklub Heimattreu www.facebook.com/yodelclubheimattreu
- Instagram: @yodelclubyyc www.instagram.com/yodelclubyyc
- For information about our club's history and activities, visit www.jkheimattreu.com.

NINA RINKLEF

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FÉDÉRATION DES SOCIÉTÉS SUISSES DE L'EST DU CANADA FEDERATION OF SWISS SOCIETIES IN EASTERN CANADA

Chèr.e.s compatriotes suisses et ami.e.s de la communauté suisse,

Samedi le 2 août 2025...Mettez cette date dans vos agendas pour venir célébrer avec nous la plus grande Fête Nationale Suisse à l'extérieur de la Suisse!

Suite à l'assemblée générale et à la première rencontre du comité, les membres et le comité ont voté pour la présidente Valérie Martinez, la vice-présidente Barbara Zaugg-Beugger, la trésorière Jeannette Perriard, la secrétaire Erika Schimann, les administrateurs Sebastian Hertner, Kenneth Hill, Adrian Kaiser, Urs Kaiser et Louis Savaria. Ainsi qu'un membre ex officio en liaison avec le consulat, M. Rudolf Wyss, Consul, Chef Gestion, Culture et Communications.

Nous avons déjà commencé à travailler à la préparation de la Fête 2025. D'ici la prochaine parution de ces Pages Régionales en juillet, prenez le temps de visiter notre site web www.fedesuisse.com. En mai, vous y trouverez le programme de la Fête, avec différents messages, photos et autres informations. Très important : une liste de nos prix de tombola. Sous l'onglet Événements, vous trouverez le calendrier des activités de la plupart des clubs suisses au Québec.

Nous savons déjà qui seront nos artistes suisses invités pour la Fête Nationale 2025 : **Silvia Rymann**, célèbre chanteuse suisse de Yodel, et son frère **Peter Rymann**, qui joue du « Schwyzerörgeli » classique et chante des chansons de yodel avec Silvia. Tous deux sont nés dans une grande famille à Giswil dans le canton d'Obwald. Le père était Ruedi Rymann avec sa chanson bien connue « I bi der Schacherseppeli ».

Ainsi que **Franz Keller**, qui joue du cor des Alpes dans le monde entier, y compris aux Jeux olympiques de Vancouver et dans les montagnes de Whistler. Il chante et joue avec sa guitare toutes sortes de vieilles chansons populaires. Né à Neuhausen am Rheinfall, dans le canton de Schaffhouse, il vit actuellement dans la région de Zug.

Pour plus d'informations, veuillez visiter notre site Web : www.fedesuisse.com ou notre page Facebook : www.facebook.com/Fedesuisse. À bientôt!



Silvia et Peter Rymann

Dear Swiss Community; Dear Friends:

Saturday, August 2, 2025. Mark this date on your calendar and join us in celebrating the biggest Swiss National Day outside of Switzerland!

Following the AGM and the Committee's first meeting, the members and the Committee voted to elect Valérie Martinez as President; Barbara Zaugg-Beugger as Vice President; Jeannette Perriard as Treasurer; Erika Schimann as Secretary; and Sebastian Hertner, Kenneth Hill, Adrian Kaiser, Urs Kaiser, and Louis Savaria as Directors, as well as an ex officio member in liaison with the Consulate - Consul Rudolf Wyss - Head of Management, Culture, and Communications.

We've already started preparing for the 2025 Swiss National Day. Until the next edition of the Regional Pages in July, please take the time to visit our website www.fedesuisse.com. In May, you'll find the Festival programme with various messages, photos, and other information, and - very importantly - a list of our raffle prizes. Under the Events tab, you'll find the event calendar of most Swiss clubs in the province of Quebec.



Franz Keller

We already know which Swiss artists we're inviting to the Swiss National Day: **Silvia Rymann** - a famous Swiss yodeller - and her brother, **Peter Rymann**, who plays the classical Schwyzerörgeli and yodels with Silvia. Both are part of a big family from Giswil, in the canton of Obwalden. Their father, Ruedi Rymann, was well known for his song *I bi der Schacherseppeli*. Also invited is **Franz Keller**, who plays the alpenhorn around the world, including at the Olympic Games in Vancouver / Whistler. He also sings and plays a variety of popular old songs on his guitar. Born in Neuhausen am Rheinfall, in the canton of Schaffhausen, he now lives in the Zug area.

For further information, please visit www.fedesuisse.com or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Fedesuisse. See you soon!

Swiss Canadian Chamber of Commerce (Western Canada)

40 Years of Resilience: Celebrating the Swiss Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Western Canada

In April 2025, the Swiss Canadian Chamber of Commerce (SCCC) in Western Canada proudly celebrates its **40th anniversary**. Since its founding in April 1985, the SCCC has witnessed and adapted to significant changes in both Switzerland and Canada, serving as a bridge between these two nations. As we reflect on our journey, we are reminded that uncertainty and change are not obstacles but opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and resilience.

The Spirit of Resilience: A Legacy from Switzerland

Switzerland, with its deep-rooted history dating back to 1291, has continuously demonstrated resilience in the face of challenges. Whether in politics, business, or societal transformations, the Swiss have embraced problem-solving, negotiation, and adaptability as cornerstones of their success. Canada, though a younger nation, has also experienced great achievements and periods of transformation. This shared spirit of perseverance unites Swiss Canadians and has fueled the success of the SCCC over the past four decades. Through it all, the SCCC has remained steadfast, fostering strong business connections and providing a platform for discussion and collaboration.

Looking Ahead: The Role of the SCCC

As Canada faces political uncertainty and economic challenges, including a prorogued government and ongoing trade tensions, the SCCC stands firm in its mission. We will continue to serve as a platform for discussion, problem-solving, and business networking. By leveraging our Swiss heritage and the Canadian entrepreneurial spirit, we create opportunities for resilience, growth, and innovation.

We have several recurring **events**, including the bi-monthly pub night, the annual fondue night, and the Christmas party, where members meet in a casual setting. Additionally, we are planning larger networking events across Western Canada and exploring new ways to facilitate knowledge exchange and support. With Consul General Thomas Schneider, we have strengthened our collaboration with the Swiss official representation in Vancouver. Furthermore, our president, Thomas Arn, brings extensive experience and valuable expertise to our board, reinforcing our leadership team.

Gratitude and Acknowledgments

We extend our deepest gratitude to our members, both past and present, for their trust and contributions to building this strong network. We welcome future members who bring fresh perspectives and energy to our community. A special thanks to the Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver for their collaboration and support. Lastly, our heartfelt appreciation goes to the dedicated SCCC team, whose unwavering commitment ensures the Chamber's continued success, and especially to our Chamber's founding executives:

■ Adrian Hartmann (President), Peter Schaub (VP), and Peter Brunold (Treasurer).

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we embrace the lessons of our history while looking forward to a future filled with opportunities.

Here's to the next 40 years of resilience, innovation, and strong Swiss-Canadian ties!

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Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir Association

On December 22, 2024, the Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir (ESMC) received positive feedback in the *St. Vital Church Parish Bulletin*. The bulletin highlighted our choir's afternoon Christmas concert, which had taken place on December 15 at St. Vital Church in Beaumont, Alberta. Choir members were gratified by the favourable reception of their performance, as noted in the bulletin's commentary:

"Much appreciation and heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped in any way to ensure the Swiss Men's Choir concert was a success again this year! A good crowd enjoyed the excellent concert and generously donated \$1,048.00 to the Beaumont Nisku Christmas Elves!"

On Sunday, June 8, at 3 o'clock, the ESMC will perform at Trinity Lutheran Church (10014 81 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB). Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from any choir member. Please check our website or Facebook page for more details as the event date approaches.

On Saturday, June 14, the ESMC will participate in the annual Lands-gemeinde camping and picnic event (organised by the Edmonton Swiss Society) at Ol' MacDonald's Resort and campground at Buffalo Lake, Alberta.

The Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir was founded in 1980. We proudly look back on 45 years of memorable performances, wonderful concerts, beautiful trips, and great camaraderie.

For more information about event tickets and / or on how to join the choir, please visit our website www.esmca.ca, or like us on Facebook under "Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir."

PETER THUT



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"He who sings, scares away his woes"
- Miguel de Cervantes

Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association (Metro Vancouver)

Much has happened since the Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association (SCMRA) last reported on its events and activities. Autumn brought the annual Sau shoot (300m), won by Bob Best.

In October, club members travelled to Switzerland to participate in the annual November Rütli-schiessen (300m), as well as in the Morgarten (300m) shoot. Unfortunately, at the Rütli, the heavy fog did not lift in time, and no shooting took place. However, food and drink were enjoyed throughout the day. Each club had to shoot the competition at their home ranges. The SCMRA held their make-up shoot on February 23, won by Cecilia Decurtins.

Shooting the STG57, Dan Meier placed first at the friendly shoot in Busnang, TG. On November 13, club members travelled to Morgarten where they also participated. This time there was no fog; instead, club members were blinded by the morning sun halfway through their programme. Willi Rieder and Gordon Verrall were the top two SCMRA shooters at this event. We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to the Shooting Club Ägerital, which generously provided K31s to

the entire team for both historical events.

2024 ended on a positive note with the annual Christmas party attracting lots of families with children. The Châlet was decorated, and the event was extremely well attended. A big thank-you to Bob Best who enjoyed spending the day as Santa.

The Absenden was held on January 25 at the clubhouse. Club champion for 2024 with the Standard Rifle was Rene Zollinger; for the Service Rifle, it was Bob Best. Bob also won the Pistol section while Johann Sauer came in first in Smallbore. Markus Spycher won the Crossbow section. Congratulations to Jason Zheng for shooting two perfect rounds at the Cheese shoot (trap), achieving 20 hits with 20 shots.

For further information about the events discussed above, and to see pictures, please visit:

- www.scmra.ca
- www.ruetlischiessen.ch/300m
- www.morgartenschuessen.ch/schiessen-300m/ranglisten.

Swiss Club Saskatoon

In 2024 we celebrated several members with birthdays ending in "0". This year, we congratulate **Walter Zunti** who will turn 101 years old on April 14!

We had a raclette lunch on Sunday, March 16, at the Neuanlage Community Centre. Our June BBQ will again be hosted by Ronny Zimmermann in Asquith, SK (close to Saskatoon). Dora and Max Hug will again be hosting the 1st of August Bundesfeier at their acreage north of Saskatoon. We will post the dates for these two events in our summer newsletter.

If you would like to receive information about our club and our activities, contact us at swissclubsaskatoon@hotmail.com or call / text me at 1 - 306 - 260 - 8030.

New members are always welcome, and membership is free the first year. Even though our name is Swiss Club Saskatoon, we welcome Swiss from anywhere in Saskatchewan.

ELISABETH EILINGER
PRESIDENT, SWISS CLUB SASKATOON

Swiss Club Thames Valley

First up: Two of our members recently celebrated BIG birthdays! On January 9, **Hanni Meier** of Brussels celebrated her 100th birthday. Exactly one month later, **Joan Stadelmann** of Kincardine, ON, also celebrated 100 years! What an incredible milestone!

On November 2, 2024, we said goodbye to the old club year with a good cheese fondue prepared by the members of the executive. Afterward, we welcomed the new club year with our AGM.

We're looking forward to a fun and busy year! Once a month between December and April, we are going to organise an afternoon of games. Let's see how it goes!

On December 1, 2024, the weather cooperated, allowing Santa to make his way to Monkton to visit the kids and hand out some goodie bags.

Recently, we had a good turnout at our Metzgete and Jassfinale. Andreas Habegger won the tournament.

Next event dates:

- April 12: Theatre in Moorfield;
- June 15: Father's Day Picnic in Brodhagen – Swiss Choir;
- July 27: Bundesfeier in Monkton.

I hope that by the next time I write to you, all the snow will be gone and that we can enjoy nice warm weather. Until then...!

MARIANNE TRACHSEL

Matterhorn Swiss Club (Montreal)

Our next event - at the beginning of May - will combine an outing with our AGM.

We plan to visit a traditional cabane à sucre, where we'll enjoy a typical sugar shack meal along with some Québécois entertainment. This type of lunch usually consists of baked beans, omelettes, pancakes, pork, and more—everything, of course, served with delicious maple syrup. Following lunch, we'll move to a quieter room to hold our AGM.

This event was very popular when we last held it a few years ago; therefore, we felt that it was time for it to return in 2025.

There will also be some free time to wander around the site on some very nice walking trails in the forest, and to visit the lovely gift shop to buy maple products.

As in previous years, we will put out a request in early summer for volunteers to help with the 1st of August celebrations at Mont Sutton. We are pleased to say that a good number of our members usually help out for a few hours. Numerous volunteers are required to make this annual event a success.

We hope to see many of our members and guests at this event!

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