



SWISS CLUB JHB NEWS LETTER

Dear Members and Friends

It has been a busy start to the year with ¼ of it already behind us. The 1st newsletter has finally been put together and ready for your perusal. We started the activities with the biennial Tri-Nations Games, which this year were held at our Club on Sunday the 17th March. As with the 2 prior Games in 2015 and 2017, this year again was a fun event, all be it perhaps a little disappointing in terms of the Swiss Support and also that the Swiss Team couldn't reap the benefit of the "home advantage", as they again only managed 3rd place, with Germany taking the top spot again and Austria second. As in any non-professional sporting event though, it isn't about the winning, but all about the camaraderie and the fun, which most definitely prevailed throughout the day. Thank you very much to all involved with the preparations, organising and running of the event and of course to all of you who also made the time available to take part and represent the Swiss. A huge thank you also to all the Sponsors of the raffle prizes, which amounted to the considerable value of some 10k.

Our next important date is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, which please note has been scheduled for **WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY AT 20h00 SHARP**. Our Embassy Representatives Ambassador Helene Budliger-Artieda and the Head of the Regional Consular Centre for Southern Africa François Duvanel's tenures are coming to an end soon and we are privileged to not only having them at our AGM for the last time, but also having been invited to join them for a fare-well Apéro and a couple of drinks provided by the RCC after the meeting. Please allow yourselves a bit of extra time after the meeting, because they both really deserve a huge thank you for all their time and efforts they have put into assisting our Club during their past 4 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of the Council, the Committee as well as the Members and wish them all the very best and good health in their future endeavours. Please also remember that you must be a paid-up Member to take part in the AGM and be eligible to vote. For those of you who have indeed paid their Membership – thank you very much. Your MS Cards can be collected from the Restaurant or at the AGM. Due to past experience with the unreliability of the Postal Service, we no longer post MS cards. The official notice and invitation to attend the AGM has already been sent out during March. Should you have any issues of concern or indeed nominations for Committee, Council and / or other Members, please ensure that you communicate such information in writing to our e-mail address (office@swissclubjhb.co.za) at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

- For those of you who are in a position to consider an investment opportunity in Switzerland, there will be a presentation hosted by Toni Enderli and Marc Fueg on Wednesday 24th April at 19h00 at our Club. Both Toni and Marc are Realty Experts. (<http://andermttswissalps.pagedemo.co>)
- This year's **METZGETE**, a traditional feast not to be missed, is scheduled for **Friday the 28th June**.
- The **SWISS NATIONAL DAY** celebration this year will be on **SUNDAY 4th AUGUST 2019**. As you are all well aware, we are in desperate need of Sponsorship for this event and so far having only been able to secure NESTLÉ again to sponsor the Coffee Machines etc., we plead with our Members to assist in either providing Sponsorship of any kind, or refer us to possible Sponsors we could approach.

- We'll keep you informed of any other events during the year, but the last scheduled date this year again is of course the **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**. This time though to be more in line / closer to the traditional "Chlaustag", which is celebrated in CH on the 6th December, we have set the date for **Sunday the 8th of December**. Due to the number of people and time needed to get through the event, we have also decided to bring the starting time forward by an hour to 11:30 for 12pm instead of 12h30 for 1pm as before.

As always by now, our Clubs of Society THE Skittling Club and the Boccia Club have started their respective seasons and congratulations to the Boccia Club having re-elected Petra Borner again as their Chairperson. We wish all of them a successful and fun-filled season.

The Swiss Choir is already preparing for another participation at the next Eidgenössische Jodlerfest in 2020 in Basel (amazing how quickly 3 years pass). Please contact their Chairman Armand Salutt, should you wish to get more information or be able to assist in any way to help them make their trip more financially viable.

Remember that we also have a Swiss Rifle Club, which offers strict pre-defined competitions, using any of 3 models of current and historical Swiss military rifles, using only peep sights at a distance of 300 metres. (Visit their website on www.swissclubjhb.co.za for their contact details)

We wish all of you a great and safe Easter period and we look forward to seeing you at our AGM

Your Committee