



SWISS CLUB JHB NEWS LETTER

Dear Members and Friends

Welcome to another leap year and indeed another decade – may all your dreams and goals be fulfilled and bring you the desired results.

At the outset we would like to thank all of you who have already paid up the 2020 Membership fees – most appreciated indeed.

Now let's outline our planned event dates for you to diarise as follows:

- As always, our first important date is the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, which is scheduled for **FRIDAY THE 27TH MARCH 2020 AT 20h00 SHARP**.
- This is followed by the **METZGETE** on **FRIDAY THE 19TH JUNE 2020**.
- The **SWISS NATIONAL DAY** celebration this year will be on **SUNDAY THE 2ND AUGUST 2020**.
- The popular year end and Christmas lunch date is set for **SUNDAY THE 6TH DECEMBER 2020**.

You will of course be informed and reminded again with formal invitations closer to the relevant dates and should any other events come up during the year, we will certainly also let you know well in time.

As you know, the Swiss Choir is again participating at the next Eidgenössische Jodlerfest in Basel from the 25th to the 28th June 2020, hence the Metzgete date this year being earlier than usual. They just had their AGM and realised that the average age of the participating Members taking part this year is an astounding 75 years of age! This alone should be worth a big Gold Medal and we wish them a safe and enjoyable trip to Switzerland and of course all the best of luck for a very successful participation. If you feel it in your heart that this enthusiastic group of people deserve perhaps a bit of support for their efforts and towards their costs, we're sure that their Chairman Armand Salutt would be most grateful for any form of assistance!

The Skittling Club is grateful to carry on with the same number of dedicated teams and Members and they will start this year by “catching up” with the Singles Championship, which had to be postponed last year. This will be followed by their AGM on the 6th March and thereafter the league season will start with all the usual competitions. Regrettably though the traditional FERNKEGELN, a competition between a selection of our Skittling Club players and a team of Swiss / ex South African players in Switzerland, which they have been able to hold for an absolutely amazing 41 years will now no longer be possible, as the sad reality of natural attrition and the fact that no younger participants could be found and encouraged for the Swiss team, has forced them to finally put an end to this fun event and indeed an era with very fond memories for many!

The Boccia Club had their AGM on the 24th January at the Swiss Club and we received an e-mail communication informing among other things of the newly elected Chairlady Barbara Kaeser and Committee Members. The Club is now also affiliated with the “Bocce” section at the Wanderers Club.

We are of course already starting with preparations for this year’s Swiss National Day celebration and as always are in dire need of Sponsors. We will definitely be coming back to this topic at the AGM, so as a bit of a heads-up, if any of you is able to and would like to contribute anything towards the costs of this event, we would of course be extremely grateful. We can also already tell you that gathering resources in the form of “people power” is always a huge struggle and anybody who is able to assist on the day at any of the outlets would make a big difference.

We wish all of you a great, safe and successful year and hope to see you soon.

Your Committee