

# SWISS CLUB JHB BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends

It has been quite a hectic year so far, which contributed to the lack of updates in the form of our newsletters – apologies!

Our AGM was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April and we achieved an impressive attendance of 31 voting members under the new ruling of Family Members automatically qualifying for 2 votes. It is indeed encouraging to see a new interest and support in our Club, which is also enhanced with the receiving of new applications for Memberships.

Even more encouraging was the unbelievable support we received to our appeal for Sponsorship for the Swiss National Day Celebrations, following a commitment from Nestlé SA who sponsored the Coffee Machines and all that goes with it for the day. We received an immediate thumbs up from the honourable Ambassador Helene Budliger-Artieda, who pledged a special Dinner for a party of no less than 12 people at the Ambassador's residence – an incredible prize for sure for the subsequent lucky winning ticket number 0554, Mrs. Mary-Ann Birrer - enjoy! This was followed by an offer of a huge R10k Sponsorship by our Member Albert Epprecht from Alba Hydraulics. Absolutely elated after Swiss Int. Airlines would no longer be able to support us, we finally could again consider offering a return ticket, which in our opinion has always been a draw card for the traditional raffle. With the Club adding another 2k towards the value of 10k, the donation was used towards a flight voucher to Europe, which was kindly administered by Lisa von Moricz of Bon Voyage Travel. Congratulations to the winner Daniel van Rooyen with ticket number 0264.

By the time the actual event took place we had also received a R 2k cash donation from Carina Vissian, who donated this cash prize in memory of her late Husband Ken, a very active Member of the Boccia and Skittling Clubs, who sadly succumbed last year to the seemingly ever more common big C. This prize was won by ticket number 0941 and a case of wine kindly donated by Members Ursula and Vaughn Baard was won by Robert Eckert with ticket number 0636. Last but not least our call to donate cakes by the Subsections was heeded with a fantastic response and a large number of really delicious cakes were thus on offer on the day.

Well done and a HUUUUGE thank you to all our fantastic and generous Sponsors – a selfless gesture, which made a big difference to the bottom line!

On the topic of the SND, we would also like to thank each and every single person of the almost 70 volunteer helpers, who dedicated their time and hard labour to actually make this event happen – it simply cannot be done without you!

On the 14<sup>th</sup> June the Embassy together with Levantine Financial Services held another well attended workshop at the Club for those who needed to get advice on new Tax legislation with assets abroad.

Before the SND we again enjoyed a great attendance at our Metzgete at the end of June and it goes without saying that Wolfgang and his team excelled with this always great meal!

Following that on the 11<sup>th</sup> July, through the tireless efforts of François Duvanel from the Swiss Embassy, we had an opportunity to listen to an unbelievable presentation of a “musical reception” with renditions from the Consonus Choir, who’s members come from the regions of Graubünden / North-Eastern Switzerland, Zurich and Lucerne and they represented Switzerland at the first World Olympic Choir Games in Pretoria, where they deservedly secured 2 Gold Medals!

Now with the hectic times behind us, we look forward to a little break before all too soon it will be time again to arrange our traditional year end and Christmas Lunch on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, where we hope to see many of you again, if not sooner.

It is always with very heavy hearts that we unfortunately also need to pay tribute to past and present Members who sadly had passed on and we send our Condolences to all the Families who have lost their loved ones just so recently. May the Souls of Noldi Jäger, Armin Haas and Douglas Troxler rest in peace – God bless everyone with strength during this difficult time.

Your Committee

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