



Interior Swiss Club Newsletter



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Summer 2005

Upcoming Events Calendar

Mark these dates on your calendar

August 1st Celebration:

Weekend of July 30th-31st, 2005

Picnic and August 1st Celebration at the Fischer's Farm (next to the Hat Creek Historic Site) in Cache Creek. The club will be selling Sausages and Nussgipfel for \$6.00 adults and \$3.50 Children. Potluck on Sunday night- please bring a salad. There is lots of room for camping and there are flush toilets on site. The ever popular shooting event is back on track this year!

August 1st Celebration:

Monday, August 1st, 2005

Celebration at Coldstream Creek Park on Kalamalka Lake Rd, Coldstream, BC

Starting at 6.00 pm.

Potluck-Please bring your favorite dish to share, drinks, plates, utensils, lawn chairs etc.

50th Year Anniversary of the Interior Swiss Club

Saturday, October 1st, 2005 6.00 pm

Schubert Center 3505 30th Ave, Vernon

Cost: \$20.00 which includes dinner, a concert from the Vancouver Dorfmusik and dance music by the Vernon Blaskapelle and Music by John.

Please note: Advance ticket purchase only

Winter Bowling

October/Novemeber

Bowling starts again in Vernon, Salmon Arm, Kamloops and Kelowna

Your contacts are:

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Vernon area: Rita Schilter, 1 250 547 6052, schilter@uniserve.com

Salmon Arm area: Andy Zuest, 1 250 832 2833, info@viewpointmotel.bc.ca

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3rd, 2005

Details to come.

Details and tickets on the above events can be obtained at 549-3711

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President's Report

On March 6, 2005 we had our Annual General Meeting. 36 members enjoyed an informative meeting. Your Board of Directors was elected by acclamation in our previous positions. You will find the Executive names and phone numbers on page 11. Thank you to Sonja Sirges and Ursi Schnyder, our long-time auditors and welcome to Jenny Doerwaldt and Trudy Feller who took on the positions of auditors. Gio Wu expressed her wish not to continue in her capacity as advisor but will continue to assist and help our seniors. The delicious nussgipfel were enjoyed by all and we thank Heinz and Rosemarie Schaer of IDA's Bakery in Lumby again for the donated sweets.

Our second bowling tournament held in Kamloops on March 20 was a great success. 53 bowlers participated, driving from as far away as Winfield, Revelstoke, Malakwa, Salmon Arm, Lumby, Falkland, Armstrong, Vernon and Kamloops. We again had a wonderful lunch organized by Elisabeth and Erwin Nyfeler plus they provided the dessert! Thank you to the organizers: Rita Schilter, Helena Hasler and Andy Zuest for a job well done!

On April 9, 2005 we enjoyed our Annual Spring Dance at the O'Keefe Ranch Restaurant. The sit-down dinner and dessert was wonderful. The event was sold out; many of us danced until the end of the evening and requested encores from the Vernon Blaskapelle. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped and made this event such a success.

We regret to announce the passing of one of our long time members, Peter Gossner. His outgoing nature and warm personality will be missed. The executive expresses our deepest condolences to his wife and family.

Thank you to all the members who have already renewed their 2005 membership. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so in order to continue receiving the newsletter.

I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to meeting you at one of our functions. Please mark your calendar with our events so that you don't forget to attend.



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Join us for our 1st of August Celebrations!

CACHE CREEK: (Fischer's Farm)

Date: July 30-31st weekend

Saturday-Site Set-up

Sunday-12-4p.m. Rifle Shoot. Get there early as this is always a very popular event. Young and old-Come and demonstrate your skill. 4pm-Dinner tickets go on sale! Adults \$6.00 Children (12 and younger) \$3.00 5p.m. Dinner; including BBQ sausage, bread, Nussgipfel, coffee or pop.

Please bring a salad to share.

Monday-Pot Luck Breakfast and Clean up

VERNON:

(Coldstream Creek Park, Kalamalka Lake Rd, Coldstream)

Date: August 1st, 2005

This is a potluck event. Please bring a dish of your choice for everyone to share. Also, please supply all of your utensils, plates, lawn chairs etc.

Party starts at 6.00 pm.

From the Consulate...

~Check out this website, kids! www.revue.ch/swisskids_en/index.php Lots of fun and interesting information!

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Spring Dance A Success!

100 lucky guests enjoyed this year's dance. We pared back the number of tickets sold this year to allow for a dance floor-a great decision! An excellent sit down dinner was enjoyed by all; followed by a delicious dessert of Kirsch Schnitte provided by Erwin and Elisabeth Nyfeler. After dinner, the crowd danced the night away to the excellent music of The Vernon Blaskapelle. Guest vocalist John Tiefenauer brought back fond memories as he sang melodies from Freddy Quinn and others. Fred Affolter even sang an impromptu song for his wife on their 62nd wedding anniversary! As usual the crowd was in a great mood (maybe it was all the wine) and eager to buy up a chance to win the 50/50 draw! The staff at the O'Keefe Ranch did a great job again this year. A big Thank You to them and also to all those who helped organize the event. For those with computers, be sure to see our website for great pictures.



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Spotlight on our advertisers.... Beaver Lake Mountain Resort

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After that Toni asked us if we would like to take the resort over. We thought about it and took it over with a big pleasure.

One of the first things we did was change the organization to fit our family better. We have transformed the restaurant into the Beaver Centre, which now has a Tackle Shop, Wellness Centre, Coffee Corner, Internet Corner, Grocery Store and Office.

Daniela is running the Wellness centre with treatments like whole body reflexology, foot reflexology, acupressure massage, European lymphatic drainage, walking and stretching. We also have a Petting Zoo with guinea pigs, goats, miniature horses and ponies.

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~ Interior Swiss Club ~
50th Anniversary Celebration



Please join us for a memorable evening celebrating 50 years of fun and friendship.

The evening will include dinner and lots of entertainment;
including a concert performed by the Vancouver Dorfmusik. Dance music will be provided by the Vernon
Blaskapelle and Music by John

Come for the music, Come for the company and definitely come for the door prizes!



Where: Schubert Center 3505 30th Ave Vernon, BC
When: October 1st, 2005
Doors open at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 and Concert at 8:00
Cost: \$20.00

Advance ticket purchase only! Please call (250) 549-3711
Ticket purchase deadline is September 25, 2005. Tables of 8 will be reserved.



We congratulate the following couples on their wedding anniversaries!



Fred and Rose Affolter- 62 years
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Jakob and Elisabeth Arnold Arthur Schmid
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Lindt and Sprungli Canada for their donation of chocolate Easter bunnies! What a great treat to put out for the Spring Dance.

And thank you to all who helped make the Spring Dance a success especially to the Vernon Blaskapelle, John Doerwaldt and our guest singers, John Tiefenauer and Fred Affolter.

Bowling Tourney Donations were gratefully received from:

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Desert Riders

Excerpt from the book *A Horseman's Memories* by Joe A. Ribary Joe returns to Algeria where he'd served as a Legionnaire

My companion Khaled slowed his grey stallion to a walk and I rode up beside him. He pointed down into a *Wadi* a dry riverbed - to our right and said, "*Nous allons là-bas* and follow it to *Sidi-Bel-Abbès*. He directed his horse down the steep slope, using a barely recognizable trail that led straight down into the Wadi, which seemed faintly familiar to me. My mare was still about ten metres above the sandy bottom when he put his mount into a ground-eating gallop. Two plunging leaps through the deep sand put her onto firm ground and a moment later we were at a flat-out run, trying to catch up with the leader. Weaving around huge boulders, jumping some of the lower rocky obstacles and avoiding thorny shrubs at high speed was such an exhilarating experience that I couldn't hold back a shrill cowboy yell. The *YEE-HAW* echoed back at us from the partly rocky walls and Khaled flashed his strong white teeth in a wide grin back at me over his shoulder, waving his fist and yelling the undulating war cry of the wild desert riders of the Sahara. I felt fully alive, the years dropping away from my middle-aged body and in my mind I returned to a scene half a lifetime ago when I and my comrades thundered amidst a horde of wild Bedouins at breakneck speed down that same Wadi or one just like it . . .

After a couple of kilometres Khaled slowed his stallion to a canter, which he kept up until the Wadi opened up. The rocky walls disappeared into the sand and we soon topped out on a hillside with sparse grass showing on top, growing thicker the closer it got to the valley bottom. We stopped our horses and after a few temperamental snorts they began to crop the sparse grass. My companion pointed down into the green oasis below us, which was situated at a distance of approximately five kilometres from a smallish city. "You wanted to see Sidi-Bel-Abbès," he smiled. "*Alors*, there it is. But there is not much to see, *n'est-ce pas?*"

I took in the scene for a full minute before I answered, "No, it's not much, but it's enough for me . . ." Studying the collection of shabby mud-brick buildings below, the ancient fortress in need of repair and a new coat of paint, the large empty square that once used to be the parade grounds, I was transported back thirty-two years to a time when I was just seventeen years old with reason to doubt that I'd see my eighteenth birthday.

I had been one of the legionnaires garrisoned at that fort in 1962 during the bloody uprising of the *Algerian National Liberation Front* and the *OAS* that led to France's pulling out of Algeria while we were stationed there. In accordance with our commander's orders, I tried to walk away from what I deemed a pointless fight with a young native. The shock of the blow and the searing pain of his crude, homemade stiletto tearing into my back melted my reluctance to defend myself away in an instant, and survival instinct took over. I pulled my commando dagger as I whirled around on the balls of my feet and a moment later a deep gash opened across the young Algerian's abdomen. Two of my comrades dragged me off the scene before I blacked out. It had happened exactly two weeks before we abandoned the garrison.

If you like this story, the book will soon be available at most good book stores. Personalized, signed copies can be ordered from Joe A. Ribary, 1668 Iskut Place, Kamloops, B.C. V2E 2M4 E-mail jribary@shaw.ca Tel. (250) 374-4287

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- July 30th-31st-Cache Creek Celebration
- Aug 1st -Coldstream Creek Park Celebration
- October 1st-50th Anniversary Celebration
- October/November-Winter bowling starts
- December 3rd-Samichlaus Party

Bowling Report

Bowling started in October. You could go bowling 2 times every second week, it was fun. There were 3 teams, Vernon, Kamloops and Salmon Arm. They bowled at different places. We bowled for about 4 months. We were getting ready for the big tournament in Kamloops, on March 20, and all the groups came together for a big bowling event. After that all the people got prizes and we went to a restaurant to eat together. It was a blast. I can't wait till next Year!

By Vanessa Egger (10), Westwold

Our small group was Helena and Peter, Leonie and Frank, Joe and Antoinette, Erwin and myself. We got together every Monday night, first to have a good time, second to try to get the bowling ball to the other end of the lane! Afterwards we went for pizza - we always had way too much and could not bend down even if we tried to. Not to forget a glass of wine or two! The tournament went without the slightest problem, we all had lots of fun and hope to do it again next year! Our organizer from out of town, Rita, did a fantastic job and without her we could not have done it. Lilly, our president, also did a good job and it is a pleasure to work with her, especially with all the chocolate Osterhasen in tow.

By Elisabeth Nyfeler, Kamloops

By all accounts another great season! Top bowlers at the tourney were:

Ladies: Frederica Jotterand

Men: Albert Sirges

Juniors: Tony Schilter

Children: Randy Egger

Bowling starts again in October/November! Hope to see you out there on the lanes!

Your contacts are:

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HANSPETER (PETER) GOSSNER

July 3, 1944 - June 17, 2005

In the evening hours of June 17, 2005, Peter Gossner passed away after a protracted and valiant eight year battle against multiple myeloma.

Peter was born in St. Gallen, Switzerland on July 3, 1944.

Left behind to cherish his memory is his wife and soul-mate Lorraine. He will be greatly missed by his sister Rosemarie (Leo) Eilinger of Saskatoon and his brothers and sisters in Switzerland. He will be lovingly remembered by his parents-in-law, Aldo and Linda Romanin and his brother-in-law Donald Romanin.

At the age of twenty-one, he said good-bye to his family and immigrated to Saskatoon where he lived with his sister Rosemarie. Peter was a high-energy guy, who enjoyed many sports. But most of all, Peter loved people. His good looks, engaging smile and warm personality drew people to him and he developed a huge circle of friends. He was proud to share a glass of his finest homemade wine and he instructed all in the "fine art of toasting".

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We wish a speedy recovery to our
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 thinking about you.

The Okanagan Swisettes

We welcome our newest "Kaffeeklatsch"!

They meet every 3rd Tuesday at 1.30 pm at La Boulangerie at Lakeshore in Kelowna (this is just across from the Mission Mall). Everyone is welcome! The contact person in Kelowna is Susanna Grob. She can be reached at 250-862-4780. The Kelowna ladies also organize a Jass group and they already have 21 people signed up for bowling. We look forward to seeing them at the next bowling tournament!

Meeting Time for the Annual General Meeting

At our last AGM we held an open discussion about how the meeting could be held in combination with another event or maybe on an evening so that it did not take up a whole spring day. The executive is open to any suggestions and looks forward to hearing from the membership on this issue. Please contact Karen Cleland at 250-545-1324 or by email at karencleland@shaw.ca if you wish to bring an idea forward. Some suggestions are:

- ~Do a walkabout in Armstrong or a walk somewhere close by in the morning before the meeting.
- ~Meet first and then have a card game afterwards.
- ~Have the AGM on an evening or earlier in the morning so that the whole day is not lost.

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AGM Minutes

Welcome and Opening by President Lilly Senn

- Meeting was opened at 2pm
- 36 members were present
- Introductions were made of all present and it was agreed that this is a helpful and fun way to start the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Moved to accept-M. Vollmin, 2nd-J. Ribary

2004 AGM Minutes read by Karen Cleland

Approval of 2004 AGM Minutes

Moved to accept-M. Boos, 2nd-A. Zuest

Presidents Report-Lilly Senn

- Events of 2004 were highlighted
- Upcoming events were presented
- Membership stands at 236 members
- Thanks were offered to all volunteers, advertisers and board members for their continued support.
- Lilly thanked Andy Zuest for his dedication to the website and Karen Cleland for her efforts with the newsletter.
- A big thank you went out to retiring Auditors Sonja Sirges and Ursi Schnyder.
- Lilly wished a speedy recovery to all members who, in the past year, have had operations or illnesses.

Approval of Presidents Report

Moved to accept-J. Doerwaldt, 2nd-L. Bommert

Treasurers Report-Elisabeth Reymond

- Elisabeth presented last years financials
- Net loss for 2004 was -\$93.43
- It was pointed out that the deficit is partly due to the fact that the club is in possession of paid for t-shirts that will be sold in the 2005 year.
- Briefly discussed where the investment portion of the monies are being held as well.
- All were in agreement to keep the investment in the current "low risk" fund which is averaging 3%-4% return.
- Audited by Sonja Sirges and Ursi Schnyder.

Approval of Treasurers Report

Moved to accept-H. Gadmer, 2nd-H. Hasler

Misc. Business**- Bowling Reports-Andy Zuest/Rita Schilter/Helena Hasler**

All reports were of a successful 2nd season of bowling in Salmon Arm, Kamloops and Vernon.

Everyone is looking forward to the tournament in Kamloops were 40+ people are expected to attend.

- Website-Andy Zuest

Visitor numbers have jumped from 2.5 to 7.2 since inception, a total of 5258 visitors since inception, Andy expressed that he is always open to any ideas or corrections for the website.

- Newsletter-Karen Cleland

Newsletter is still going strong. Karen is open to new ideas. Revenue from ads is keeping the newsletter close to cost free for the club.

- Club Logo and T-shirts-Matt Boos

T-shirts with 50th Anniversary are printed and will be sold at upcoming events, the t-shirts can also be ordered from Matt Boos. Cost is \$26.00-the club is not making money from the sale.

- Kaffeeklatsch-Lilly Senn

Last Tuesday of every month, 2-4 pm at el Portillos Coffee House in Vernon, attendance fluctuates but everyone is welcome to attend.

- AGM Meeting time discussion

Discussion was held as to the date and time of the next AGM. Suggestions were made to change it to Saturday, add an event to the meeting day, alternating locations from Salmon Arm to Vernon to Kamloops (yearly) or have the meeting in the morning or evening instead of the middle of a Sunday. These suggestions will be published in the next newsletter and on the website and a decision will be reached by the Board of Directors prior to the 2006 AGM.

Nominations and Elections-Elisabeth Nyfeler

President: Lilly Senn Treasurer: Elisabeth Reymond

Vice President: Matt Boos Secretary: Karen Cleland

Past President: Al Klopfenstein

Directors: Heidi Gadmer, Rita Schilter, Helena Hasler, Andy Zuest, Margret Graf Auditors: Trudy Feller, Jenny Doerwaldt

This Board of Directors was elected by acclamation.

Adjournment of Meeting-Lilly Senn

Adjourned at 3 pm

Moved to accept-A. Zuest, 2nd-J. Ribary



FROM THE EDITOR.....

Summer has arrived in the Okanagan and with that comes your summer newsletter issue! I have gone back to photocopying the newsletter because of cost and time constraints and so I apologize for the quality difference. I hope to see you at our August 1st celebrations as well as at the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

The club has come a long way since 1955. There are a few more events and many more members but one thing has not been changed by time- the fun we have together! Watching the children carry their lampions is for me an especially great memory since many of the children are being watched by parents who once carried the lampions themselves!

50 years and many more to look forward to....

Karen



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