

Cache Creek 2010 picnic

The weather forecast was for hot low 30ies for the weekend. Saturday about 6 to 8 parties arrived at Fischer's lovely site to start off the festivities. Sunday AM more arrivals and by evening there were around 70 to 80 people, many families, young and old were there for a good time. The PA system was put up and soon Swiss tunes flooded the area. The expansive camping area is well shaded by many large trees and the meandering Bonaparte river next to the grounds provides a cool dip for many.

The Schuetzenhaus was set up and shooting got under way shortly after mid-day. With the tireless effort and help from several people the afternoon was busy with competition right until about 4:30 PM. My thanks to all who helped. I especially would like to mention Ernst Hiestand and Erwin Nyfeler for their Rangemaster duties and coaching, Elisabeth Nyfeler Gabriela Theurillat and Barb Klopfenstein for their admin duties; this produced an exciting competition with many top scores. I am always amazed how keen the youngsters are in the marksmanship never mind the adults!! We had 50 keen competitors of which most shot both rounds.

The Festplatz was nicely decorated and there was a very festive mood in general. During and after the shooting, there was action in boce ball, badminton, soccer and I am sure some Jasskarten got dealt a few rounds. Our thanks to all who helped to make this a memorable event.

By 6 PM dinner was called and the BBQ was in full action with Tom Kempter at the helm. There were Wurschtels of any size shape and color plus other BBQ items, their scents floating through the Festplatz instigating huge appetites. The other dishes of salads and other delicacies would put any ordinary food outlet to shame; Swiss cuisine always the best, I am known to be prejudiced! Soon everyone was happily munching away and dinner was followed by yummy Nussgipfel, everyone had lots to eat. Our thanks to all who pitched in to feed the hungry crowd. Al got his Alphorn out and left a swiss touch of sounds that went to heart for many.

We were about to get the official festivities under way when mother nature stepped in with a rain shower just to keep the dust down. This gave the soccer players the green light to chase the ball from goal to goal, never mind the rain. Soon afterwards things dried up and people gathered for the shooting presentations, where every participant got rewarded with something to take home. The bunch of Olympic sponsor Swiss flags Al brought over from the winter Olympics went quickly. The CD with the church bells, Swiss president's speech, national anthem and songs were heard and cherished by all. The Fischer family was presented with a small gift of appreciation from the Swiss club for their generosity in providing such a nice site for the picnic, year after year. Al Klopfenstein was thanked by Gust Fischer with a couple of bottles of wine for the effort to look after the shooting event. As darkness fell kids were running around with glow sticks looking like long skinny glow worms. Later the raclette got fired up and awoke even more appetite for the late partiers. A few mosquitoes found a few victims but that is life in camp! Soon all was quiet until about 7:30 AM when early risers stirred and got coffee under way. Al made a wake-up call with the Alphorn and soon we were all at breakfast with more Swiss goodies. It was a time to chat and catch up with stories and gossip of all sorts. There were visitors from all over the Interior the coast and of course visitors from Switzerland. As it was time to pack-up, every one present pitched in with a quick take down and clean-up and soon the crowd dissolved and got on the road home with memories of a fun 1st of August celebration. Again our thanks to the Fischer family and everyone who participated in making this event a great success.

Al Klopfenstein

Past President

Shooting results 2010, 22 rifle shoot Cache Creek 1st of August picnic.

Men: 1. Ernst Hiestand 49
2. Roger Haldi 48
3. Erwin Nyfeler 47

Ladies: 1. Shelley DesBrisay 48
2. Petra Fischer 44
3. Irene Kempfer 44

Boys: 1. Luc Demont 20
2. Kyle Zurbruegg 19
3. Jonah Diamond 16

Girls: 1. Chloe Sirges 36
2. Leeza Schroeder 30
3. Christine Kempfer 25