



The Canberra Swiss Club Inc. Newsletter



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Upcoming Club Events

Date (2020)	Event	Date (2020)	Event
Fri 6 – Mon 9 Mar	Coast Long Weekend	Fri 26 June	Fondue Night
Sat 4 April	Wine Bottling at Zimmi's	Sat 1 Aug	Swiss National Day Celebrations
Mon 13 April	Picnic Steam Train Canberra / Goulburn	Sun 9 Aug	Eisstock Tournament
April-(tba)	Easter Picnic at Tuggeranong Park	Sun 27 Sept	Go Karting
Sun 19 April	Bushwalk	Sun 18 Oct	Canberra Jass Tournament
Sun 10 May	Mother's Day	Fri 20 Nov	AGM
Sun 7 Jun	Australian Jass Tournament	Sun 6 Dec	Samichlaus Picnic

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2020

<https://forms.gle/5uscFjUrEMDj69sc8>

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Swiss Radio CMS FM 91.1 – an end of an era



A heartfelt thanks to Gaby, Mirjam and Werner for keeping the tradition of Swiss Radio in Canberra alive every Monday evening for two hours. 6pm-8pm on 91.1FM over the last twenty years.

Two hours on air takes a lot of preparation and thought; it is with sadness that we advise that nobody was willing to take over from these wonderful volunteers, so alas the last broadcast was in December 2019.

On behalf of all members of the Swiss community, we would like to thank Gaby, Mirjam and Werner for their wonderful entertainment over the years.

As a small consolation, there is a German Radio broadcast on Tuesdays from 8 – 10 pm on 91.1 FM.

President's Message

Dear members and friends

I hope everyone had a great Christmas with family and friends and that you have a fabulous New Year too.

My name is Christoph Heiniger and I am the new elected President of the Canberra Swiss Club. We had a bit of a reshuffle in the committee this year, but I'm looking forward to working with the new team and it should be a blast!

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gaby Hasler and Evelyn Schneider for their work and effort on behalf of the club; both having now resigned from their positions.

Gaby resigned from the committee after 19 years in many different positions. The last 5 years as President of the club. Thank you, Gaby, much appreciated!

Evelyn resigned from the Newsletter editor and Julie Slater took over Evelyn's position. Thank you Evelyn!

We're very grateful for their efforts to date and we're sure that they will remain active and engaged members of the club.

Our own "Crèmeschnitte Choerli" are performing at various events for our older club members. They enjoy those beautiful songs from the Choerli.

The last event we had was the "Samichlaus Tag". There were plenty of kids with parents and grandparents. It was great to see all those kids listening to Samichlaus. Some weren't too sure about the big red man and other were singing songs to him; but Samichlaus was impressed with all the kids and everyone received a goodie bag including some parents.

The next bigger event will be our annual trip to Durras North for the Canberra long weekend in March. It's very pleasant to stay right at the beach in the cabins. Saturday night we will have our Raclette evening under the stars. There will be lots of eating, drinking and talking. Singing a few Swiss songs before dessert is pretty common. It's a great weekend, please make sure you book the cabins early as they book out fast.

We are working on an existing program for the whole year. There are new events coming up and they are listed in the newsletter with dates. Times will be confirmed closer to the event. It would be great to see the numbers growing at the upcoming events.

I hope that everyone is safe and well and not too affected by the tragic bushfires around the country, I am sure that we'll all try to help each other as much as we can.

Werner and Gaby informed us that the Swiss Radio Program has been ceased. It's a shame to lose the radio program. Gaby and Werner put a lot of time and effort into the Swiss Radio Program. They have done the program for the last 20 years. That is a huge effort.

I would like to thank Werner & Gaby from the Canberra Swiss Club for all their time invested in the radio program. Your effort is appreciated and will be missed.

I wish everyone all the best in 2020 and thank you for your help and support.

Christoph Heiniger

Picnic Steam Train – Canberra to Goulburn and back

Peter Zimmerman has tentatively booked 16 seats on the train as it fills up fast! Departure on Easter Monday at 10.30 am from Canberra Station. Meet at 10 am. Lunch included – Wienerli mit Kartoffelsalat. \$80 a head or \$70 for seniors. To book please call Peter directly on 0412 430 343.



CANBERRA STEAM TRAIN RIDES
EASTER 2020 – FRIDAY, 10 APRIL TO MONDAY, 13 APRIL

Experience the excitement of a steam train trip behind former NSW Government Railways locomotive 5917 as **The Picnic Train** presents a long weekend of special family trips from Canberra. Travel on a one-hour steam train journey from Canberra to Queanbeyan and return, or for a longer trip, try our 2.5-hour Bungendore run, climbing the spectacular Molongolo River Gorge. On Easter Monday, you can travel to Goulburn and return for the day, with time for lunch in Goulburn.
COME AND LIVE IN THE PAST!

Destination:	Fares		
	Queanbeyan	Bungendore	Goulburn
Adult	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$80.00
Senior/Concession	\$20.00	\$45.00	\$70.00
Child	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$60.00

Timetable (Fri/Sat/Sun)	
(Departing from Canberra Station)	
Queanbeyan (return)	dep 9.00am
Queanbeyan (return)	dep 10.00am
Bungendore (return)	dep 12.15pm
Queanbeyan (return)	dep 2.50pm
Timetable (Mon)	
Goulburn (return)	dep 10.30am

In association with Canberra Railway Museum
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Coast Weekend

Join in for the annual Canberra Swiss Club Coast weekend. There's the Saturday night raclette feast (see picture), a fun family friendly cliff walk, swimming and all those other beach-related activities on offer or just hangout with old friends and make new ones! Don't forget to bring your raclette set if you have one, if not, don't worry there are always spare spots.



When: Anywhere between Friday 6 - Monday 9 March

Where: Durras Lake North

Bookings: Call Joalah Holiday Park on (02) 4478 6012 to reserve a cottage or camping spot or Durras Lake North Camping Ground on (02) 4478 6072 to reserve a camping spot. The Holiday Park and camping ground are next to each other. The cottages will book out fast, so get in ASAP! Mention you are with the Canberra Swiss Club as they have some cabins all in a row near the water. The Holiday Park usually has a special "stay 4 pay for 3" nights, if you wanted to make a real holiday out of it!

Getting there: Take the Kings Highway toward the coast. At the big roundabout near Bateman's Bay, turn left onto the Princes Highway, heading north for 12.4km. Turn right at the North Durras Road and follow the sealed road down to the beach.

Contact **Werner or Chris** from the committee for more information.

Wine Bottling

When Sat 4 April 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Where: Peter Zimmermann's farm.

Bring: clean bottles. Peter will provide the corks.

Cost: <12 bottles - \$8 a bottle
12 – 24 bottles - \$7 a bottle
>24 bottles - \$6 a bottle

Please pay by cash on the day.

Food: Chaes spaetzli available to enjoy while bottling.

Non-members Welcome, but extra \$5 per head for daily membership charge





Canberra Swiss Choir



Do you sing in the shower?? 😊

If so, you should consider joining the Canberra Swiss Club's Cremeschnitte-Choerli. We will make you feel very welcome and promise you will have fun!

The choir mostly sings Swiss songs in our national languages and currently has between 15 and 20 active singers who are guided by our excellent and committed musical director, Geoff Roberts. We are accompanied on piano by the talented Linus Lee and, whenever circumstances permit, by keen guitarist Dave Hall.

Choir rehearsals are relaxed and enjoyable. There are no auditions and singers don't need to be able to read music. We are a mixed choir and encourage men and women to come along; more male voices would be most welcome. After the rehearsal we often sit together for a drink or a bite to eat.

Several times a year we perform at functions and in aged care homes. In late November we gave a much appreciated Weihnachtskonzert at Goodwin House in Ainslie, and now we are preparing for a 25 March concert at Uniting Amala in Gordon.

Why don't you come to a rehearsal and see for yourself?

When: SECOND and FOURTH Tuesday of every month, 6pm-7.30pm

Where: Keller of the HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB,
Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah

Cost: \$5 per rehearsal

Info: <http://swissclubact.com/choir>
<http://swissclubact.com/choir-news>

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10th
Australian Jass Tournament
Pennant Hills Bowling Club – Sydney
[Sunday, 7 June 2020](#)

The Annual Australian Jass Tournament will be held in Sydney during the June Long Weekend. It is the 10th Anniversary edition of this traditional Swiss Card Tournament, held each year in a different location around Australia.

Detailed planning is underway and the AJT-2020 Registration form and the Rules & Format have been posted on the Swiss Club of NSW <https://www.swissclubnsw.com> and will also be uploaded on the Australian National Jass Tournament <https://www.facebook.com/jasstournament> Facebook page soon.

Venue Info: Pennant Hills Bowling Club <https://phbc.com.au/> The Club is located at 52 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills 2120 and is within easy walking distance of Pennant Hills Train Station.

Accommodation: The Ibis Thornleigh is nearby and access can be by train.
<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3238-ibis-sydney-thornleigh/index.shtml>

Apart from the usual attraction to see in and around Sydney, Vivid, the annual festival of light, live music and new ideas is on during May/June. See <https://www.vividsydney.com/> for more information.

Tournament Organisers: Daniel Frutiger dan.mar04@bigpond.com, Bruno Frischknecht, Alois Simath, Beat (Bepo) Popp & Lorenz Sonderegger
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Samichlaus Picnic Photos



How well do you know your Cantons?



Answers in the next issue

- 1 **Which cantonal capital lies exactly on the language frontier between German and French and is bilingual?**
 - a Neuchatel-Neuenburg
 - b Basel-Bale
 - c Biel-Bienne
 - d Fribourg-Freiburg

- 2 **Which cantonal capital houses three parliaments and three governments?**
 - a Zurich
 - b Herisau
 - c Altdorf
 - d Bern

- 3 **Ticino is the only Italian speaking canton. Which is the name of its capital**
 - a Como
 - b Lugano
 - c Bellinzona
 - d Locarno

- 4 **Which is the name of the capital of the biggest canton?**
 - a Sion
 - b Lausanne
 - c Bern
 - d Chur

- 5 **Losanen is the old Germanic (not used anymore) name of this canton capital. Which is the name used today?**
 - a Locarno
 - b Montreux
 - c Solothurn
 - d Lausanne

- 6 **What is the second largest city of Switzerland?**
 - a Liestal
 - b Lausanne
 - c Geneva
 - d Appenzell

- 7 Herisau is the capital of the Canton of _____.
- a Thurgau
 - b Appenzell Ausserrhoden
 - c Aargau
 - d Appenzell Innerrhoden
- 8 There are three original Cantons which founded the Swiss Confederation back in 1291. Which one town is not capital of these three Cantons?
- a Altdorf
 - b Stans
 - c Schwyz
 - d Lucerne
- 9 The River Aare flows through three Cantons before it meets the Rhine. Which one town is not capital of these three cantons?
- a Bern
 - b Aarau
 - c Solothurn
 - d Delemont
- 10 There are many capitals which have the same name as the Cantons. There are three below, which one is the odd one?
- a Aarau
 - b Zug
 - c Zurich
 - d Schwyz
- 11 This capital has been named after an Irish Saint who founded a monastery there.
- a Glarus
 - b St. Gallen
 - c St. Gotthard
 - d St. Gingolph
- 12 In Roman times some of the cities already existed. Which one of these four cantonal capitals did not exist in Roman times?
- a Solothurn
 - b Geneva
 - c Bern
 - d Zurich

Source <https://www.funtrivia.com/playquiz/quiz18550222c58.html>

Hornussen – a unique Swiss Sport

Hornussen is a Swiss sport which gets its name from the puck called a Hornuss (hornet). When hit, it can whizz through the air at up to 300 km/h (186.4 mph) and create a buzzing sound.

The sport probably developed in the seventeenth century. The earliest reference to Hornussen is found in records dated 1625 in Lauperswil, Canton Bern because of a complaint about the breaking of the Sabbath. Two men were fined 20 francs for playing Hornussen on Sunday.

The first recorded competitive Hornussen game occurred in 1655 in Trub. In the 19th century this amateur sport was very popular in the Emmental and Entlebuch.

In 1902, the federal Hornussen Association was founded, which organises a competition every three years. In 2011, there were around 270 clubs in the Association, with around 8,300 members.

In 2012, the international Hornussen Association was founded, which helps promote the sport in countries throughout the world. Since its founding, more than 20 clubs have been founded in the United States.

For more details, it is best to watch a video or even better to watch a game – there is nothing else like it! Google **Hornussen - the sport of Swiss farmers!**

