



# The Canberra Swiss Club Inc. Newsletter



**Vol. 24 No. 4**  
**October 2021**

**PO Box 3211**  
**Manuka ACT 2603**

Phone: 0409 907 196 (President)  
0402 584 194 (Secretary)

email: [canberraswissclub@gmail.com](mailto:canberraswissclub@gmail.com)  
web: <http://swissclubact.com>

## What's in this issue?

Your Swiss Club Committee.....	2
Event updates due to Covid .....	2
President's Message .....	3
Canberra Swiss Choir.....	4
Annual General Meeting .....	5
In loving Memory – Tony Capeder .....	6
Gebrannte Mandeln / Roasted candied Almonds.....	9
Do you know the houses of Switzerland?.....	10
Something for the children- French .....	11
Rivella – the Swiss drink .....	12

## Upcoming Club Events

*All events are subject to last minute changes/cancellations due to Covid*

Date (2021)	Event
Fri 26 Nov	AGM – online + online quiz
Sun 5 Dec	Samiclaus Picnic – time and venue tbc
TBA	Informal dinner

## Your Swiss Club Committee

Position	Name	Phone	Email
President	Chris Heiniger	0409 907 196	<a href="mailto:president.canbswissclub@gmail.com">president.canbswissclub@gmail.com</a>
Vice President	Werner Albrecht	6291 4160	<a href="mailto:radio_cms@yahoo.com.au">radio_cms@yahoo.com.au</a>
Secretary	Cathy Schmidli	0402 584 194	<a href="mailto:secretary.canbswissclub@gmail.com">secretary.canbswissclub@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Sam Sainsbury-Käser	0416 052 797	<a href="mailto:treasurer.canbswissclub@gmail.com">treasurer.canbswissclub@gmail.com</a>
Membership Secretary	Sonja Gasser	0409 386 235	<a href="mailto:canberraswissclub@gmail.com">canberraswissclub@gmail.com</a>
Property Officer	Matthias Käser	0405 453 155	<a href="mailto:heavenlykandw@hotmail.com">heavenlykandw@hotmail.com</a>
Newsletter Editor	Julie Slater		<a href="mailto:julie_slater@outlook.com">julie_slater@outlook.com</a>
Committee Member	Heather Bundy	0401 652 877	<a href="mailto:heather.bundy777@gmail.com">heather.bundy777@gmail.com</a>

### Event updates due to Covid

Alas it has been another difficult year with carrying out events due to Covid and the various restrictions. This has created a lot of headaches for the Committee with respect to planning (and cancellation of events). We have been very disappointed that so many events have been cancelled and we feel for our members. At the last Committee meeting we had to make some decisions regarding the rest of the year. A summary of our decisions is included below.



- **Jass Tournament** – cancelled
- **AGM** - to be held online at 7 pm on 26 Nov with an online quiz afterwards – details of how to participate are included in the newsletter
- **Informal dinner** – the Committee will organise an informal dinner in December and will send the details out via email/ Website and post on Facebook.
- **Samichlaus Picnic** - that this event will go ahead – fingers crossed. Details will be emailed and posted on Facebook and the website closer to the time.

We are hoping that next year will be less disruptive with Covid.

## President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is still ok and having a good time. Unfortunately not much has changed with our Swiss Club due to Covid. Sometimes it looks like it is getting better and the next day it gets worse and we are back to the same old situation. I hope everyone is doing fine with the current lockdown in the ACT and some areas of NSW. It looks like we may get out of it soon.

Like last year, we had to cancel the Fondue Night and the Swiss National Day. We tried to move the fondue night to September in the hope that we might be able to go ahead with it. But we had to cancel that too.

The next major event is the AGM. The venue for the this recently cancelled our booking too, so we have made the decision to hold the AGM online and run an informal dinner later in the year. We have decided to run a Swiss themed online quiz after the event with some prizes. Please make sure you have reviewed the quizzes in the newsletters this year, as some of those questions may pop up, or maybe you know Switzerland that well, that you do not need to do this.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or any other committee member.

Thank you.

Christoph Heiniger  
President  
Canberra Swiss Club



*PS – there is a small prize if you can guess where this picture was taken. Email the newsletter editor with your answers.*



## 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 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.

Prior to Covid, we performed several times a year, for example in November 2019 we gave a much appreciated Weihnachtskonzert at Goodwin House in Ainslie and we look forward to planning some future events.

Why don't you come to a rehearsal and see for yourself once Covid allows rehearsals again.

### Details once Covid Restrictions allow us to meet again.

**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>

**Contact:** Regula Neilson on 0409 399 633, click on this [link](#) or scan the QR code to fill in your details so a choir member can contact you.



# Annual General Meeting

**When** Friday 26 November 2021

**Where** Online via Cisco Webex \* – click on this [link](#) or the QR code  
You can also dial in via telephone – details are supplied below.



**Time** 6.45 for 7:00PM  
AGM starts at 7.00 PM sharp  
Online Kahoot Quiz will follow afterwards

**RSVP** We need a quorum of 20 financial members, so please do make the effort to attend the AGM

Nominations for the committee will also take place at the AGM. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email [canbswissclub@gmail.com](mailto:canbswissclub@gmail.com)

The Committee will be presenting a brand new Constitution for consideration and acceptance at the AGM. A notice of the AGM will be sent out later this month which will include an explanation of the key changes and a copy of the proposed new Constitution

## \* Using Cisco Webex

You can join the AGM via the app on your phone or your laptop, otherwise you may dial in from a regular landline or mobile. If you are using it for the first time, you will need a couple of minutes to download the app, so please do this ahead of time

Information on using Cisco Webex is provided by clicking this [link](#) or scanning the QR code



## Telephone dial in details

+61-2-9338-2221 or +61-2-9053-7190

Meeting number (access code) 2651 689 9744

After the AGM, a fun online quiz will be hosted by our Newsletter Editor, Julie. Details of how to participate will be provided on the night.

## In loving Memory – Tony Capeder



JOHANN ANTON CAPEDEDER "TONY"

11 March 1935 – Sils/Domleschg, Switzerland

Passed away peacefully on 12 August 2021 in Canberra.

Tony was a member of the Swiss Club since the foundation of the Club in 1967. As an active member he has supported the Club for many years. Some members may remember the "Wiesenfest" at the Schlager's farm. Tony organised the meat and supplies for the spit roasted pig. He and some colleagues stayed over night basting the meat and keeping the fire going. As a dedicated teacher for over 20 years at CIT (School of Hospitality and Tourism), formerly TAFE College in Canberra, his experience was greatly appreciated. For years Tony helped preparing the sausages for the Swiss National Day celebration. When the Club received a grant to acquire a meat slicer to cut the dried meat for the Fondue night, it was Tony's advice that helped the Club decide which machine to buy. Over the years many of us have had the privilege to meet Tony and Eva.

Tony and Eva and just celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond wedding anniversary. Our sympathy and thoughts are with Eva and her family. Due to COVID, a private family service was held at the Gungahlin Cemetery.

Those who knew Tony will feel privileged and will cherish his warm memories. Farewell Tony and rest in peace.













## Gebrannte Mandeln / Roasted candied Almonds



*The smell of roasted almonds at the markets is so wonderful and they are easy to make at home and can be flavoured with different spices. Makes for a lovely Christmas present.*

### Ingredients

- ½ l water
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 100 g sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 200 g almonds in their skin

### Method

1. Add the water, sugar, and cinnamon into a pan and bring to the boil whilst stirring.
2. Add the raw, whole almonds and stir continuously over a medium heat until the liquid has evaporated.
3. Continue heating and stirring until the sugar melts onto the almonds and they begin to shine.
4. Pour the almonds on to baking paper and leave them to cool and dry.
5. Bag the nuts in cellophane bags, or put them into tins or jars.

Roasted candied almonds have a shelf life of about 2 weeks.

*This recipe can also be made in the microwave, but reduce the water quantity to 2-3 tablespoons and heat at 600W for a minute at a time and stir. Should take about 4 – 5 minutes.*

*This recipe also works well with other nuts.*

## Do you know the houses of Switzerland?

Join the house to the correct canton.



Bern

Jura

Thurgau

Appenzell

Berner Oberland


Wallis

Engadin

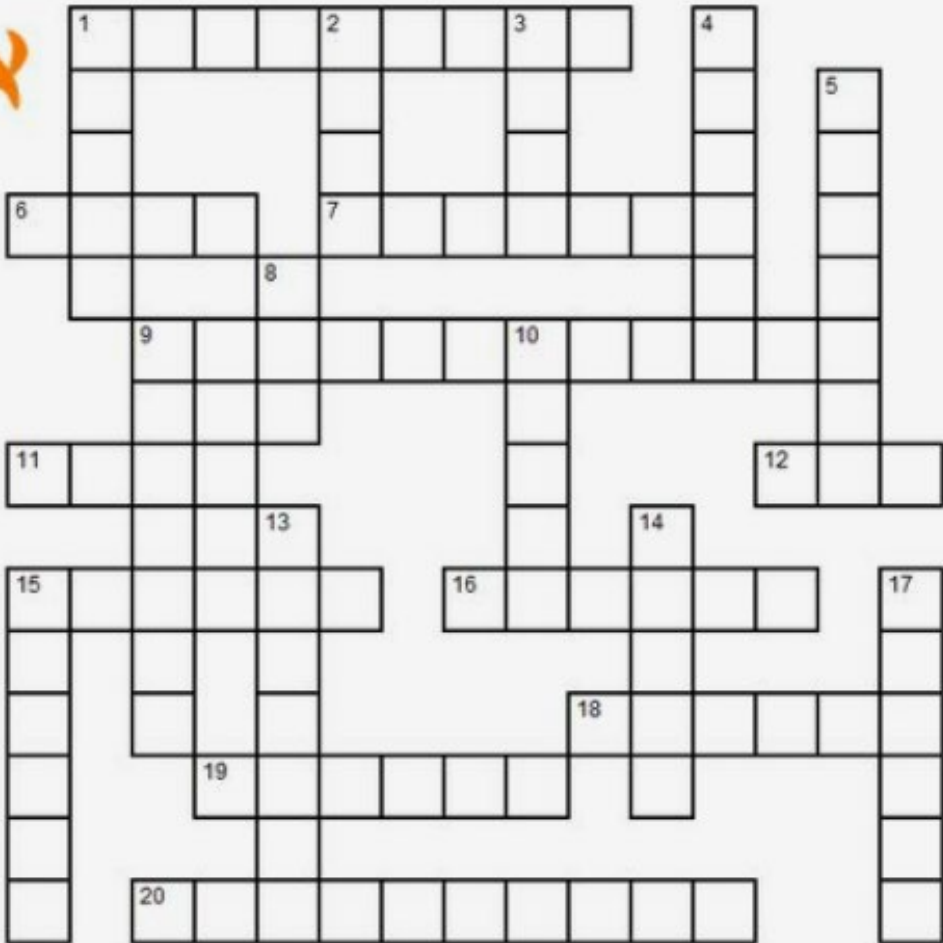
Tessin




## Something for the children- French



### Les Animaux





ACROSS		DOWN	
1. crocodile	15. horse	1. dog	9. camel
6. deer	16. fox	2. bear	10. monkey
7. snake	18. bird	3. wolf	13. whale
9. bat	19. giraffe	4. beaver	14. rabbit
11. moose	20. frog	5. fish	15. goat
12. donkey		8. rat	17. sheep

## Rivella – the Swiss drink

The Swiss drink Rivella is almost 70 years old and is the second most popular soft drink brand in Switzerland. From its small beginnings in Stäfa, it is now produced in Rohrtrist in Canton Aargau, as well as in Holland (although the concentrate is shipped to Holland where it is then mixed with water and bottled).



Two people, Roberth Barth and Hans Süssli experimented with whey, a biproduct of the cheese making, and Swiss herbs to produce a soft drink in 1950, apparently after Barth had received a recipe for a similar drink from a Swiss lady. It was first marketed in 1952, but not without problems as the fermentation would often continue in the bottles resulting in some explosions. Refinements continued and in 1959 at the request of the dutch market, Rivella blue, a diet version was released. This was Europe's first diet soft drink. The name Rivella was inspired by the municipality of Riva San Vitale in Canton Ticino and the Italian word for "revelation", rivelazione.



Whilst it is a popular drink in Switzerland, Lichtenstein and Holland, it has never taken off in neighbouring Germany, despite a marketing campaign.

If you are interested in how Rivella is produced, scan the QR code to take you to a Youtube video, which explains the process of making Rivella in German.

