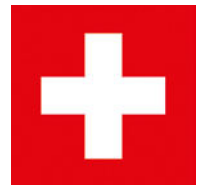
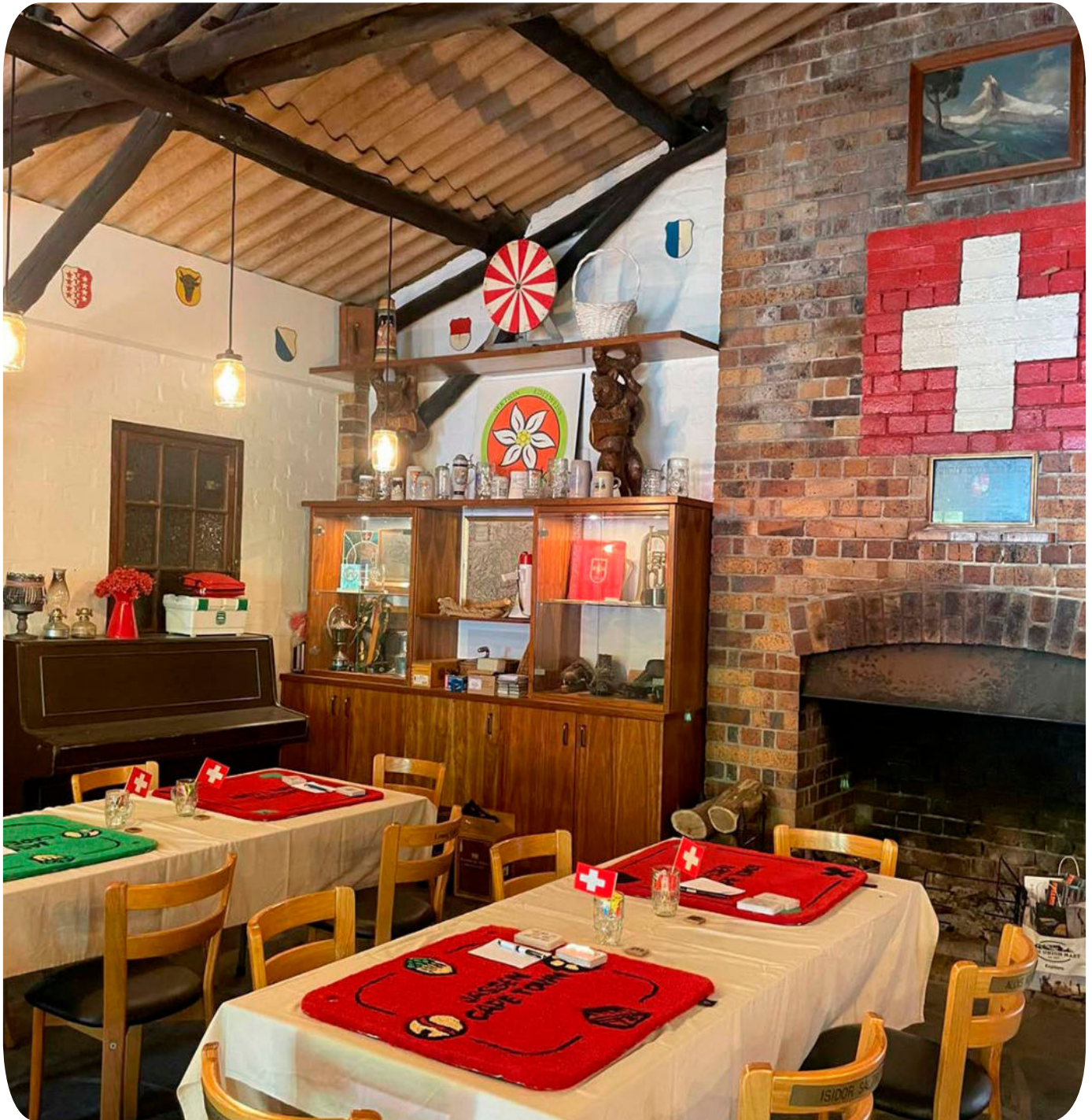




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Images from our Samichlaus & Bänzejass in Jonkershoek



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## PRESI REPORT

Dear Members, Grüezi,

For those who missed it, summer has finally arrived. You would have to live under a rock though, if you missed it. The flock of rental cars all over town, traffic jams between Clifton 1-4 and the sudden unavailability of any space at restaurants across Cape Town give it away. The silly season is back in the Cape.

"Dezemba" is upon us.

It took long and the winter was exceptionally hard, except for that one day in August the Swiss Club was lucky enough to host our National Day celebration.

Or perhaps I should rather say winter was cold. Very cold. And wet. Very wet.

But now, Summer is here – yay! We officially opened Jonkies campsite after some severe damage from the winter storms... Then, just the other weekend some many excited children and adults were able to meet and greet "Samichlaus", who visited from far North and surprised the little ones with a small goodie bag. I was surprised to learn that they speak a Valais dialect in the North Pole.

A hotly contested Bänzejass took place at the same time and participants and winners were treated to a small or a large "Gritibänz". It was a wonderful kickstart to our first summer event and I look forward to the rest of them.

Also, on behalf of our club, I want to welcome Mr Rolf Frei to the Western Cape. Mr Frei is the newly assigned Consul General of the Swiss Consulate in Cape

Town. We hope to be seeing him occasionally at our events and I am sure our community will once again show our typical Cape hospitality to make Mr Frei feel at home right away.

Roger and his team kept being busy in Jonkies and when you visit next time, do yourself a favour and visit our new 'Kanone Garage' and the upgraded kitchen. A stellar job once again and this will again allow us to improve our offering in Jonkershoek and better use that facility.

I would further like to congratulate our 'subsection' if you want to call it that way, the Swiss Rifle Club in Cape Town to their 75th birthday! What a milestone achieved in complex conditions, and I think it is great to see this Swiss tradition continues in our region. Dierk and his committee and helpers are doing an excellent job to keep the club going and the members interested! Well done and congratulations.

For next year, not much will change at our club and we remain on a consolidation route doing

some improvements and finding new ways to engage with the community.

For now, you can support us tremendously by renewing your membership early for 2025! Renewals and re-registrations are now live on our website and email reminders will be sent shortly. More details can also be found in this newsletter. Our offering will remain attractive for young and old and grow in areas that we are likely underdelivering for now.

May you have a wonderful rest of this year. I wish everyone a pleasant festive season and wonderful days amongst their loved ones! If you travel, be safe and we look forward to see you back at the Club.

Look forward to see you all soon and as always - THANK YOU for your continuous support of our Club and your interest in the Swiss Social Community in Cape Town.

May the lights be on and the fun be with you!

Bis bald,  
Christian



# FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2025

**Saturday, 8th February Waldfest**

**Tuesday, 18th March AGM**

**Sunday, 20th April Easter Bunny**

**TBC Fondue #1**

**TBC Fondue # 2**

**Saturday, 2nd August National Day Celebration**

**Saturday, 25th October Opening of Camping season**

**Saturday, 6th December Samichlaus**



**All events will be announced via newsflash closer to the date with full details  
If you wish to be notified on events via our WhatsApp Event group contact Tracey or Patricia to be added**





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# RICOMONDO

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SWISS RIFLE CLUB CAPE TOWN SHOOTING CALENDAR

2025	DAY	V E N U E	A = Good Hope Military Range Atlantis K = Klawer Valley Simon's Town – Navy Range (off Red Hill rd.) W = Western Cape Shooting Union Atlantis	TIME
25 Jan	Sat	K	President Mettler Cup knock-out competition (from 2024)	10:00
15 Feb	Sat	A	Annual Program 1 @ Good Hope Military Range Atlantis	07:45
01 Mar	Sat	K	Annual Program 2	10:00
30 Mar	Sun	K	Annual Program 3	10:00
12 Apr	Sat	K	FELDSCHIESSEN & OBLIGATORISCH	10:00
04 May	Sun	W	3, * * < 6 + 2.22 rim-fire Rifles @ WCSU - Family Fun!	10:00

As luck would have it, the Klawer/Simon's Town shoot of 25 August, postponed from the 17th due to rain was again rained out! To compensate, we had lovely weather on October 12 with over 20 shooters giving their best. The 2<sup>nd</sup> bi-annual Swiss vs. Navy Challenge in October was also blessed with perfect weather, with a large turnout. We again beat the Navy team, but we have the advantage of the regular use of our rifles. Toby Bechtel was the top SRC shooter!

Then came the big event: our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee! The Friday evening registration dinner, which was attended by about 35 guests, including old friends from Durban and Johannesburg as well as our Consul Richard Jud and his wife, took place at the BOSSA Restaurant at Woodbridge Island, Milnerton. Thank you to Stefan Burri of Mindpearl for generously paying the total restaurant bill!

On Saturday November 16 beautiful weather welcomed us above Simon's Town and we competed in the three shooting programs. The 'Weinstich' was won by Hanspeter Tobler from Johannesburg while Craig Mitchell took the local 'Schützenkönig' crown! We had generous sponsors: Ricomondo/Gastro Foods for the sausages and Fleischkäse; wine from Eikendal, Jacaranda Wine Farm, Onderkloof Estate, L'Avenir and Arniston Bay; and financial support for our Jubilee Pamphlet from Mindpearl, Pets Elite and Acoustic Solutions.

For our anniversary, we had postal matches with Johannesburg and 2 Swiss clubs, Embrach (ZH) with 106 participants and Contone (TI) with 56 shooters! Johannesburg's results were not yet in at the time of writing. Walter Baumberger of Embrach is the 'International' Cape Town Schützenkönig.

The last event of the year, the 'Vier Hürden' which consists of the following: 5 shots prone at 300 metres, 5 shots sitting at 200m, 5 shots kneeling at 100m and 5 shots standing at 50m was cancelled due to the unavailability of key persons and many members unable to attend.

The 2025 program begins on 25 January at the Simon's Town Klawer Valley range with the President Mettler Memorial Knock-out competition, which we could not fit into the 2024 program.

Pencil-in the following dates: Feldschiessen & Obligatorisches on 12 April, IRU ZKLFK ZH QP DQ V6 ZLVQDWLR QDO S DSRWLFLSDQW family event, the Piggy Shoot at Atlantis on Sunday May 4!

Wishing all our members and the readers a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Ruth Queisser und Walter Eggenberger sind mehr als nur «Golf Buddies». Unter diesem Firmennamen organisiert das Schweizer Paar à-la-carte Golfreisen nach Südafrika.

Es klingt paradiesisch: Seit nun schon 10 Jahren verbringen die Beiden das Winterhalbjahr in ihrem Haus nahe der Hafenstadt Mossel Bay, dem Ausgangspunkt zu Südafrikas berühmter «Garden Route». Vor ihrer Haustür liegen die 18 Löcher des spektakulären Pinnacle Point Golfplatzes, dem «Pebble Beach des Indischen Ozeans». Allzu viel Zeit zum Golfen bleibt den Beiden allerdings nicht, denn ihr Angebot will nur eines produzieren: zufriedene Kunden.

Die Dienstleistungen, die «Golf Buddies» für Individualreisende erbringt, sind vielfältig. «Ausser den Flügen organisieren wir alles», sagt Ruth Queisser. «Das beginnt bei den Tee-Times, geht über den Mietwagen hin zur Unterkunft und weiter bis zur Safari». Und Eggenberger ergänzt: «Wir bieten ein Rundum-sorglos-Paket an und das Beste ist, dass die Dienstleistungen kostenlos sind. Unser Verdienst sind die Kommissionen unserer Dienstleistungsträger. Konkret heisst das, dass wir die Reisen zu den selben Konditionen anbieten, wie dies der Kunde auf den Webseiten der einzelnen Dienstleister in Erfahrung bringen kann.»

Im Lauf ihrer Südafrika-Jahre – die Beiden bereisen das Land am schönsten Ende der Welt bereits seit mehr als 25 Jahren – haben sich Ruth Queisser und Walter Eggenberger ein engmaschiges

Beziehungsnetz aufgebaut, von dem ihre Kunden nun profitieren. Dazu kommen die persönlichen Erfahrungen, die sie nun ebenfalls gerne weitergeben.

Südafrika ist mehr als nur eine Reise wert. PR

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