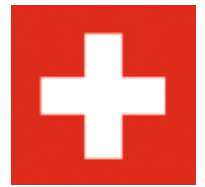




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PRESI REPORT

Dear Members, Grüezi,

What a truly unforgettable Swiss National Day we shared together this year in Jonkershoek! Blessed with perfect weather and record attendance, the celebrations were filled with positive energy, warm smiles, and the unmistakable spirit of our community. The atmosphere was vibrant from start to finish, with laughter, music, and the joy of being together.

A special mention goes to our house band, the Flamingo Ramblers, whose performance lifted the mood and kept the festive spirit alive throughout the day (and into the night). Their contribution added so much to the wonderful vibes we all enjoyed.

The raffle was once again the highlight of the day. This year with a record number of participants! Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to the winners! Most importantly, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors who made the raffle possible with their generous prize donations – your support ensures the continued success of our club and events. All income from the annual raffle is used exclusively for the upkeep of Jonkershoek and our Club's necessary expenses. Our helpers and committee deserve the biggest round of applause. Their tireless dedication behind the scenes - from setup to clean-up - made this event seamless and enjoyable for all. Without their commitment, none of this would be possible. This said, our heartfelt thanks to Claudia and Markus Hischier for their outstanding contribution at the raclette stand providing our culinary highlight of the day, and also Tracey & Steven and Mandy & Louise for looking after the bar and making sure no one is left behind thirsty.

This year's innovation, the brand-new sausage wheel, was a true showstopper! It not only caught everyone's attention but also proved to be a fantastic aid in serving countless hungry mouths efficiently. A brilliant addition to our culinary line-up and superbly managed by Lionel and Patrick, our much loved resident braai/wheel masters.

With such a successful celebration behind us, the committee is already looking forward to next year's event. Each year brings new ideas, traditions, and

innovations, and we cannot wait to welcome you all again for another memorable gathering in 2027. But even sooner, we will 'open the camping season' on 24 October 2026 and then celebrate into Christmas season with our 'Samichlaus' event on 5 December 2026.

Thank you, dear members, sponsors, and friends, for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. Together, we keep Swiss traditions alive here in Cape Town – and together, we make history with every celebration.

Bis bald,
Christian



Bänzejass am 5. Dezember 2026 in Jonkershoek

Nach über 100 Jahren «Bänzejass» im gleichen Format, ist die Zeit für etwas Änderung gekommen. Das Wichtigste bleibt: Es geht um den grossen Bänz, jeder und jede Jassende bekommt einen kleinen Bänz.

Bitte unbedingt vorab anmelden und am Jasstag 20 Rand Startgeld in bar mitbringen. Die Teilnahme ist limitiert und nein, am Bänzejass-Tag kann man sich nicht mehr anmelden.

Neugierig? Hier ist das neue Format:

Alle, die um den grossen Bänz mitjassen möchten, müssen sich bis am 1. Dezember 2026 vorab anmelden.

Alle Jasser treffen sich um 11:45 am Clubhaus im Jonkershoek, damit die Teams festgelegt werden können. Jedes Team besteht aus 2 Spielenden. Dazu werden Nummern gezogen, d.h. Nummer 1 spielt mit Nummer 2 und das gegen Nummer 3 und Nummer 4 – und so weiter.

Alle Details zum neuen Spielformat sagen wir euch vor dem Spiel.

Kurzfassung:

Anmelden bis 1.12. für den Bänzejass am Samstag, 5.12.26 bei Yvette: cleophea2020@gmail.com
Treffpunkt um 11:45, Jassbeginn ist um 12 Uhr (Schweizer Pünktlichkeit, bitte!)

Das neue Jassformat ist mit ausgelosten 2er-Teams
Das Siegerteam bekommt je einen grossen Bänz,

alle Teilnehmenden einen kleinen Bänz.
 Und für alle kommt nachher der Samichlaus!
 Nein, es werden keine Bänze verkauft, die sind exklusiv für alle Jassenden!
 Wir freuen uns auf eine rege Teilnahme, um die Tradition des Bänzjass weiterzuführen.



Bänzige Grüsse
 Ruth & Yvette

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2026/27

Saturday 24th October 2026 Opening of Camping Season

Saturday 5th December 2026 Samichlaus & Bänzejass at 11:45

The Bänzejass will be re-loaded and played in a new format!

mark date and time, with more infos on the previous page

Saturday, 6th February 2027 Waldfest

All events will be announced via newsflash closer to the date with full details
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SRC: top left: Chur Schuetzenhaus, right: ESF Umzug, bottom left: Toby, middle: Nicola M. right: waiting on the bus





SWISS RIFLE CLUB CAPE TOWN SHOOTING CALENDAR

2026	DAY	V E N U E	A = Good Hope Military Range Atlantis K = Klawer Valley Simon's Town – Navy Range Red Hill W = Western Cape Shooting Union Atlantis # = Other Venue TBA	TIME	ALTERNATIVE DATE cancelled if > 50% RAIN of > 2mm
19 Sep	Sat	K	Annual Program 7 LAST (Weinstich & Metzgerstich)	10:00	26 September
17 Oct	Sat	#	.22 Rimfire Rifle Open Day	10:00	TBA
31 Oct	Sat	K	Swiss//SA Navy. Host: SWISS . .22 Rimfire @ 25m	09:00	
21 Nov	Sat	K	President Mettler Memorial Cup knock-out shoot	10:00	
05 Dec	Sat	A	Year-end shoot @ Good Hope Military Range Atlantis	07:45	To be confirmed

Sad News: On 24 June our long-term member Kurt Schiess passed away. While he no longer took part at our events, he remained a member and helped out at the annual Piggy Shoot. He was a dedicated Range Officer at MSA. While his sense of humour was not to everyone's taste, he was an uncut diamond and had a heart of gold! RIP, Kurt, we will miss you!

The **Feldschieszen & Bundesprogramm (Obligatorisches)** took place on Saturday April 25th. under an overcast sky. We had 24 participants with varying degrees of success – some were happy with their results, some not! Deputy-Consul General Richard Jud and his son Raphael also took part. We enjoyed our Swiss Bratwurst, Cervelat and Fleischkäse **during a break from the shooting activities**, and most enjoyed a 'frosty' after the day's proceedings ended. Paul Schweizer was presented with his 'Metzgerstich' ham sponsored by Thomas Mettler of WERDA Butchery.

Next was the ever-popular **Piggy Shoot Family Fun Day** on Sunday May 3rd. 39 Competitors took part: 15 ladies, 21 men, but sadly only 3 juniors! Intrepid Albert Schmid won with 57/60, followed by Peter Hostettler with the same score! His brother Alfred came 5th with 53 points. The Hostettler twins have not been shooting as the "can't see"; the results prove them wrong! The top lady, guest Reynette Scheurkogel of the SA Navy scored 59/60! The 'Swinger' targets attracted many shooters who enjoyed the challenge of shooting free-hand. Afterwards the prizes were handed out (a ham to each category winner) and a pair of sausages to each participant – generously sponsored by Ricomondo/ **Gastro foods**. Thank you!

On May 30 we had the Swiss vs. Navy challenge hosted by the Navy. We used our converted K31 open sight .22 rifles at 25 metres - trying to preserve our GP11 ammunition until we receive clarity from Switzerland about future supplies. 11 Navy and 14 SRC Members took part. Two targets were used per shooter; the combined total being counted. A good number scored over 90/100 on at least one target. Mick Kleb was the overall winner with 180,2/200 and the top 10 Swiss beat the top 10 Navy-shooters by 1675,7 to 1434,4! Afterwards we enjoyed the Bobotie and salads and socialized with our friends from the Navy team.

From 8 to 15 June over 20 of us were in Chur to take part in the ESF (Swiss Federal Shooting Festival). We arrived on Monday and transferred to the Kurhaus Praden near Tshiertschen about 20 minutes from Chur. Tuesday saw us at the BRÜNIG Indoor shooting range for training and lunch. Wednesday afternoon we used the Felsberg range for more training and a wonderful Fondue dinner. Thursday was spent in Chur to shoot ESF programs while Friday was the big day, the Auslandschweizer Wettbewerb. Our members did very well and the SRC came 2nd to Liechtenstein! (A bit of a joke, as they have no 300m shooting range and have their firearms and hold their shoots in Switzerland! I invited them to tour the Western Cape and hold a friendly shooting match at our Klawer Range in Cape Town Our sponsor Stefan Burri came overall 3rd with 95 points and two further SRC members, Daniel Lehmann (now in Denmark) and Greg Schaufelbühl also scoring 95! More excellent results were Dani Siegenthaler (94) and Toler Wolfe-Coote (93). Four of the top 8 results were achieved by Capetonians! Well done! Congratulations also to Toby Bechtel, Derek Ohland, Ralph and Nicola Middleton (All 89), Karin Schmid (88) and Albi Schmid (87). The rest of us did not do so well, yours truly coming last with only 50 points! This was probably due to most of us catching a 'bug' and feeling unwell. Nonetheless, it was a memorable experience, not to be missed!

Back in Cape Town, several shoots were cancelled, because of insufficient numbers, some members still in Europe or recovering from the stress of the ESF! However, on 25 July we did have a shoot with a good turnout. The last annual opportunity to complete the annual program is on 25 September, and on 31 October we will host the SA Navy Club for the 2nd **Swiss // Navy** Challenge, again with the .22 rim-fire rifles. An open .22 day will be held on 24 October at a venue to be announced. This, in preparation of our changed emphasis and reduced use of the full-bore rifles to conserve our ammunition. From next year, only Swiss programs will be shot with the service rifles, for all local programs we will use .22 rimfire rifles.

Hope to see you on the range!

"Güet Schuss!" & 'Yours in Shooting!'

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Please remember to book your visit so we can best accommodate you. We have a few christmas or end of year functions happening again this time around... hope to see you out in Jonkies :)

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