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It's HOT in Australia, let's cool off a bit with some beautiful Winter photos from Switzerland

Photos from and permission given by Matthew Page. Thank you for sending them in.



Can you guess where these three pictures were taken?



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2 May 2019

**THE MISSION OF THE
SWISS SOCIETY**

***Preserve and promote
the Swiss heritage
and goodwill
between Australia
and Switzerland
through social and
cultural activities.***

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President's Report



Dear members and friends of the Swiss Society of Queensland,

I hope you had a good start into the New Year and have managed to get a few days rest over the festive season.

It always amazes me of how many Swiss must be living in Brisbane. When I talk to people who I haven't met before, they almost always ask me where I am from. When I tell them, their answer often is something along these lines "one of my friends is Swiss also" or "my neighbour is from Switzerland". I am sure most of you had a similar experience. Have you ever wondered where all those Swiss are living (hiding) in Brisbane? Well, I have.

If I have one of our *Swiss News* newsletters handy, I will give it to the person to pass it on. I encourage you to do the same.

This is a good way to invite others who might be interested in our club or just to let them know that we exist and what we are about. I am more than happy to send you another copy, you just have to let me know.

By now, I believe you had some time to look into our club's events calendar, which was sent out with the last *Swiss News* issue in December. We have been working over the past year to organise different events. One of such an event is the brunch at the end of this year. We all hope that it will be visited by a lot of members.

However, before that, on 23 February, you will have the opportunity to hop on the *Lady Brisbane*. You can bask in the breeze and take in the view, while the captain is navigating the boat past 300 islands towards the Gold Coast. There will be morning tea and lunch served and the return coach is included also. I think this is a fantastic offer and a great time to enjoy the last days of Summer. All information about this trip is in this issue and on our website.

I'm sure all children are eagerly awaiting the Easter Bunny. Make sure you register so the Easter Bunny knows you are coming. There is our fondue event and of course the Jass Meisterschaft and Jass Tournament for all the Jass fans.

I am looking forward to another exciting year in our club and as always look forward to meeting you and seeing new faces.

Your President
Anita Meier

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for all submissions for
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Thursday, 2 May 2019

Please submit your text/pictures by
the above date (latest) to
editor@swissclubqld.org.au
cc Anita@qbrg.com.au

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For info and prices please contact: **Peter Oesch**
0466 827 750, treasurer@swissclubqld.org.au

A warm welcome
to our new members:

- Marion Bättig Franks and Daniel Franks, Chelmer
- Jean-René Lebet, Capalaba
- Donna Moodie and Benno Knill
- Maja and Christian Pfenniger Steck, Wights Mountain
- Janice Kelly, Scarborough
- Hillary and Kurt Schwartz, Paradise Point
- Emily Bailey and Roland Steck, Everton Park
- Margrit Tapner, Geham
- Tanja and Daniel Ussher, Narangba
- Bruno Wider, Arana Hills
- Imogen Rose, Brisbane

Welcome to the Swiss Society of Queensland. We look forward to getting to know you. Please contact any of the committee members for info about the club (see contact details on page 24).



Emails to the club

Call out to our members

I am a writer based in Brisbane. Indeed, I write for many of Australia's most popular and respected publications as well as many leading international airline in-flight magazines.

I recently had the honour of interviewing the Federal Chancellor of Switzerland, Mr Walter Thurnherr. Please see:

<http://www.lifebeginsat.com.au/swiss-style-even-politics/>

I shall be travelling to Switzerland shortly (mid February) in order to research and write several articles as well as two books.

I plan to base myself in either Lausanne or Montreux.

I was very pleased to discover the Swiss Society of Queensland. Indeed, I wonder if I may join?

I also wonder if there is a member who is a native of Switzerland and who would be willing to share advice regarding making the most of Switzerland?

With thanks and regards,

Imogen Rose

Rose Media
<http://www.rosemedia.com.au/>

Please email Imogen at
imogenroseau@yahoo.com.au if you have some advice or any other suggestions for her when visiting Switzerland.

Are you missing something?

There was a cake stand left behind at the Santa Event and a camping chair. Please contact Anita if you are the owner (anita@qbrg.com.au)



Feeling sentimental?

Fredi Vogel has a fantastic music collection to give away.

First come, first served!

The entire old Swiss Radio 4EB music CD-Collection is available for free to a new home. There are 72 CDs and it includes the four handy storage drawers they are kept in.

Fredi has looked after these for the last ten years and used them many a times for the first August, etc. He is happy to have members collect them from his place or he can drop the whole box off at someone's place.

See pictures of the collection and details of the titles on each of the four drawers so you can get an idea of what's there.

**If you are interested, please contact
Fredri Vogel on 07 3289 1183
or 0431 978 713**



Swiss Community Care Society



www.swissclubqld.org.au/swiss-community-care-society

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Dear members, friends and compatriots,

Here we are already well into 2019! I hope you all had a pleasant "rutsch" into the new year. When I was a kid, I used to count the weeks and days to the next birthday, now the years seem to come around faster and faster even with me trying not to count.

The Swiss Community Care Society AGM and Christmas Lunch, back in November 2018, went rather well. Two of our long standing committee members, Silvia Alini and Ursula Sheldon, retired from their positions. We had no written nominations from anybody wanting to take their place, but we had two nominations from the floor. Florido Bizzozero and Erika Voser both came forward and joined. Good to have them on board. After the official part we had as usual a delicious lunch prepared by Jakob Berner. Later we sang a few German Christmas carols. *Stille Nacht Heilige Nacht* is my all time favourite, especially when sang in german.

Looking ahead, we are in the early planning stages for our Seniors Lunch at the Buderim Golf Club. It seems that this year the Club is busy with various Golf tournaments. The best date available for our lunch is the 5 May. We are aware that this is earlier than in previous years, but I am certain the day will be just as enjoyable as the past lunches. So please **mark the date in your calendar**, as we are looking forward to seeing many of you at the lunch.

Here is a thought for the new year:

You can't have everything, where would you put it?

Erika Vincent
Secretary

Due to golf functions at the Headland Golf Club our annual lunch will be held earlier this year.

Buderim Lunch 5 May 2019

- Date:** Sunday, 5 May 2019
- Venue:** Headland Golf Club, Golf Links Road, Buderim
- Time:** Doors open 10.30am
Jodel choir performance at 11.30am
hot lunch buffet at 12.30pm
- Cost:** \$25 includes buffet lunch, dessert, coffee, paid-up SCCS members over 65 free. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.
- RSVP** by 22 April 2019.
It is most important for catering reasons that we receive all reservations by 22 April 2019.
- Phone:** Rita von Rotz: 0431 707 144 or Anita Bickel: 0457 457 211
- Email:** care@swissclubqld.org.au



Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group



www.swissclubqld.org.au/yodel-folklore-group-baerg-roeseli



Baerg-Roeseli
Swiss Yodel – Brisbane

President: Gabriel Dubler
Secretary: Paul Spirig
Treasurer: Peter Weidmann

Ph: 0435 570 241
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Email: yodel@swissclubqld.org.au

Irregular rehearsals on Thursdays, 7.30 to 10pm, community room
St Thomas' Anglican Church, 69 High Street, Toowong.
Parking at Kensington Tce.

Dear friends of the choir,

After 8 years of presidency by Katja, and 8 years by Köbi, it is my turn again to take the leadership after having had the presidency sometime in the last century. I am looking forward to the role.

If you have only one good resolution to fulfill this year, it is to have the courage to come and say hello at one of our rehearsals. We usually meet every 2nd Thursday, the same week as the jass, best to call beforehand. We welcome you to sit in, listen to us and get inspired by the music and our singing.

Everyone has a talent and we'd love to give you the opportunity to express yours.

This year we are going to surprise you with a new item. The premiere will be at Buderim for the Seniors Lunch. This will be preceded by several intensive weekly rehearsals starting on 21 March.

I am looking forward to a great year with our singers and performers.

Gabriel Dubler
President



Fraser Coast Group



www.swissclubqld.org.au/fraser-coast-swiss-group

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Since August 2001: Get-Togethers for Aussie-Swiss-Families in the areas of Hervey Bay, postal codes 4650, 4655, 4659, 4660, 4662, 4670. Please note, participation at all events at your own risk.

Easter Bunny

Monday, 15 April 2019

This is planned to be held at a private property at Dundowran Beach. Please bring decorated boiled eggs for the “Eiertuetschen” – egg popping. Details by email or contact the organiser on 0409 286 326.

Santa and “Christchindli” came

32 “Swaussies” enjoyed celebrating together at Silvia and Emil’s property. Some spent it in the pool, to cool down during this hot day.

We enjoyed admiring and voting for the cutest “Grittibaenz” or “Aengeli” (see pictures).

Mark it in your calendar!

Lunch at AquaVue Restaurant, Torbay-Hervey Bay **on the 15th of each month** (except April and December)

Monday, 15 April 2019

Easter Bunny at private property

Thursday, 1 August 2019

Swiss National Day Celebration at private property

Sunday, 15 December 2019

Santa and Christmas Celebration at private property

More info to follow or check online.

Visitors to Hervey Bay – welcome.



Gold Coast Group



www.swissclubqld.org.au/gold-coast-swiss-group

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Hansruedi and Merla Schwegler Ph: 07 5529 4763

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At the time of printing we hadn't received any news from the Gold Coast Group (probably all at the beach enjoying the sun n' surf...). Here is a little info about where they live:

With a population of over 560'000, the Gold Coast is the sixth-largest city in Australia, making it the largest non-capital city, and Queensland's second-largest city.

The Gold Coast region remained largely uninhabited by Europeans until 1823 when explorer John Oxley landed at Mermaid Beach. The hinterland's red cedar supply attracted people to the area in the mid-19th century. Later in 1875, Southport was surveyed and established and grew a reputation as a secluded holiday destination for wealthy Brisbane residents.

After the establishment of the Surfers Paradise Hotel in the late 1920s, the Gold Coast region grew significantly.

The area boomed in the 1980s as a leading tourist destination and in 1994, the City of Gold Coast local government area was expanded to encompass the majority of the Gold Coast's metropolitan area, becoming the second most populous local government area in Australia after the City of Brisbane.

Today, the Gold Coast is a major tourist destination with its sunny subtropical climate and has become widely known for its surfing beaches, high-rise dominated skyline, theme parks, nightlife, and rainforest hinterland.



Join us for a special day out **Brisbane to Gold Coast** on the Lady Brisbane

Saturday, 23 February 2019

This 6.5hrs water cruise from Brisbane to the Gold Coast will be a relaxing day on the Broadwater and Moreton Bay Marine Park. Admire beautiful clear waters, pristine white sand, peaceful waterways, abundant wildlife, prestigious homes and resorts. Truly relax as we take you on a sheltered water cruise meandering through over 300 uninhabited islands. Cost includes morning tea, lunch and return coach to Brisbane.

When: Saturday, 23 February 2019

Meet: Northshore Hamilton Pontoon,
281 MacArthur Ave, Hamilton
Qld, 4007.

There is plenty of free parking

Time: Departing 8.30 or 9 am
depending on the tide

Cost: \$70 per adult

Booking: Rita von Rotz 0431 707 144 or
vonrotz@optusnet.com.au

Payment: To secure your seat please pay
in advance and let me know
so I can confirm.

Cheque: Swiss Society of
Queensland, PO Box 3240
Newstead Qld 4006 or

EFT. Westpac Bank:
BSB 034-002 / Account 708 120

RSVP Early bookings are appreciated
but 13 February 2019 latest



Mystery **Movie** Night

Wednesday, 13 March 2019



Please join us for a fun evening, which we will start with a small dinner (Wienerli and bread), then we will watch the movie (choose a movie out of three), and end the evening with a yummie dessert and chatting with friends.

Date: Wednesday, 13 March 2019

Time: 6 pm, movie starts at 7pm

Venue: Anglican Church Hall
56 Racecourse Road, Ascot

Cost: Gold coin donation for the movie
\$10 for dinner and dessert or
\$4 for dessert and coffee only

RSVP: Anita Meier, 0402 527 517

DID YOU KNOW?

125 Years of experience ploughing snow

The Swiss Rhaetian Railway (RhB) has been in operation for 125 years. And since the very beginning, they have employed a marvel of industrial engineering: The Xrot 9213 snow plough engine! Thanks to the world's only steam snow plough engine still in operation, the RhB never misses its schedule – even during the deepest days of winter!

<https://www.rhb.ch/en/world-of-railway-experiences/steam-nostalgic-rides/steam-powered-snowplough>



EASTER Bunny

Sunday, 7 April 2019



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All Swiss members and their families are welcome to join us again for the big Easter basket hunt.

This year the Easter Bunny will visit us at Simpson Falls picnic area (328 Sir Samuel Griffith Dr, Mount Coot-Tha)

The popular Simpson Fall picnic spot is nestled between tall gum trees in the Mount Coot-Tha forest. The picnic area has barbecues, tables and toilets.

It has also plenty of grassy space so you can throw down the picnic blanket, relax and enjoy the surrounds.

We will also be doing some craft activities for the little and not so little ones.

Date: Sunday, 7 April 2019

Time: from 10am onwards

Venue: Simpson Falls picnic area. We will mark our table with a small Swiss flag.

Cost: Member kids free.
Non-member kids \$7 each

RSVP: By 29 March 2019
Sandra Landolt, 0402 655 158
sandra.landolt@yahoo.com.au

Bring: Picnic, drinks, soccer ball, frisbee, sunscreen, fold up chairs, insect repellent.



89th Lauberhorn downhill ski race

The Lauberhorn downhill ski race is probably one of the best known downhill ski races in the world. It is held in Wengen, a small village in Switzerland, just above Interlaken and beneath the Jungfrau.

For an event of such magnitude, naturally, there is a lot of work involved. 3000 soldiers from the Swiss army prepare the track before the event happens. The army personnel is also looking after the logistical side and look after the safety in every aspect. Everyone and everything is reaching Wengen by train from Lauterbrunnen.

The main races take place on Saturday and Sunday. Skiers race downhill the 4.5

kilometre long track (longest ski racing track in Switzerland) with speeds reaching up to 160km/h. It takes them about 2 ½ minutes and the winner takes home a price money of 120,000 Swiss francs.

My friend Renate is one of 60 people who is working for one of the catering companies. On Friday she has helped cooking a Fondue for 600 guests. This required her to constantly stir the pot for more than 6 hours!

After the 2 days of action, all of the helpers pack the things and load it back onto the train. <https://www.lauberhorn.ch/en/>

Anita Meier



Renate stirring the pot :-)



View of the spectacular jump "Hundschoep"





“Undenufe, Obenabe, Stöck”

All eyes are on the cards once again. Itchy fingers get their fair workout and minds are on no walkabout. In between games a cuppa and a bickie because those tactics can be a bit tricky. Now, eyes are on the cup. Whose name will be on the golden plaque?

Jass Meisterschaft Brisbane

Sunday, 28 April 2019

Date: Sunday, 28 April 2019

Time: 8.30am for 9am start

Venue: Anglican Church Hall, 56 Racecourse Road, Ascot

Cost: \$20 Members, \$30 non-members

Costs include: lunch and dessert and coffee and tea during the day.

RSVP: 21 April 2019

Rita von Rotz, 0431 707 144
vonrotz@optusnet.com.au or
Luana Storni, luana_st@hotmail.com

Note: Early RSVP is very much appreciated.

Lunchers and socialisers should also book for catering purposes.



The Morteratsch Glacier is the largest glacier by area in the Bernina Range of the Bündner Alps in Switzerland.



DID YOU KNOW?

Have you all watched the tennis this Summer? Of course you have! Here are some facts about the Swiss Champion, Roger Federer: born 8 August 1981, Roger is a Swiss professional tennis player who is currently ranked world No. 3 in men's singles tennis by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP). He is considered to be one of the greatest tennis players of all time. He has won 20 Grand Slam singles titles—the most in history for a male player—and has held the world No. 1 spot in the ATP rankings for a record total of 310 weeks, including a record 237 consecutive weeks. After turning professional in 1998, he was continuously ranked in the top ten from October 2002 to November 2016. He re-entered the top ten following his victory at the 2017 Australian Open.

Federer was born in Basel, Switzerland. His father, Robert Federer, is a Swiss-German from Berneck in the Canton of St Gallen, and his mother, Lynette Federer (née Durand), is from Kempton Park, Gauteng, in South Africa. Federer has one sibling, his older sister, Diana, who is the mother of a set of twins. Since his mother is South African, he holds both Swiss and South African citizenship.

He grew up in nearby Birsfelden, Riehen, and then Münchenstein, close to the French and German borders, and he speaks Swiss German, Standard German, English and French fluently, as well as functional Italian and Swedish; Swiss German is his native language. Federer served as a ball boy at his hometown Basel tournament, the Swiss Indoors, in 1992 and 1993.

Roger grew up supporting F.C. Basel and the Swiss national football team. Federer also credits his hand-eye coordination to



the wide range of sports he played as a child, including badminton and basketball.

In 2003, he founded the Roger Federer Foundation, which is dedicated to providing education programs for children living in poverty in Africa and Switzerland.

Federer's all-court game and versatile style of play involve exceptional footwork and shot-making. Effective both as a base-liner and a volleyer, his apparent effortlessness and efficient movement on the court have made Federer highly popular among tennis fans.

He has received the Tour Sportsmanship Award 13 times and been named the ATP Player of the Year and ITF World Champion five times. He has won the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year award a record five times, including four consecutive awards from 2005 to 2008 and the most recent one in 2018. He is also the only individual to have won the BBC Overseas Sports Personality of the Year award four times.

In a match pitting the oldest and youngest players left in the men's draw, the 20-year-old Tsitsipas overhauled Federer 6-7 (11-13), 7-6 (7-3), 7-5, 7-6 (7-5) under the lights of Rod Laver Arena at the 2019 Australia Open in Melbourne.



Fondue Evening

Saturday, 4 May 2019

The once-a-year event not to be missed at the Swiss Club!

Fondue originated in Switzerland as a way of using up hardened cheese. Deriving from the French verb fondre, meaning "to melt," fondue was a classic peasant dish. Accounts vary on how fondue was originally created. Traditional fondue is made with a mixture of Emmenthaler and/or Gruyere cheese and wine, melted in a communal pot. Cherry brandy is added to the melted mixture, which becomes



a dip for pieces of stale bread and crusts.

French gastronome Brillat-Savarin mentioned fondue in his 19th century writings, but fondue really hit its heyday in 1956, when chef Konrad Egli of New York's Chalet Swiss Restaurant introduced a fondue method of cooking meat cubes in hot oil. The chocolate fondue followed in 1964 as another way of indulging in something delicious.

Please note: Pre-paid bookings only.

Date: Saturday, 4 May 2019

Time: door opens @ 5.30 for a 6.15 start.

Venue: South Brisbane Sailing club,
68 Hill End Terrace, West End

Cost: Members pay \$30
Non-members pay \$38
Member families \$70
Non-member families \$90 (2 adults and 2 children under 12). Price includes fondue, coffee and dessert. Drinks can be purchased at the bar. No B.Y.O.

RSVP: by 21 April 2019
Anita, mob 0401 957 309
anita@qbrg.com.au or
Diane 0488 136 405
dianelanyon@gmail.com

Payment required by 21 April.

Pre-paid bookings only, with 2 options:

- EFT Direct Bank payment: Westpac, BSB 034-002, Account 708 120, Swiss Society of Queensland, with your name in the description.
- Cheques payable to: Swiss Society of Queensland, PO Box 3240, Newstead Qld 4006, with your name at the back.

Groups of 4 and more, including children, will receive allocated seating.

Please send us the full name of every participant, including children's names and age.

Please let us know if you can bring a cheese fondue caquelon when you book.



Mark it in your calendar!



9th Australian Jass Tournament

Darwin – Sunday, 9 June 2019

Switzerland, known for its watches, chocolates, cheese and the beautiful scenery, is also very proud of its traditions, some better known like fondues, yodelling and banking and our national game of “Jass”.

The Game of Jass is played everywhere, in pubs, clubs, around the family table, on holidays, in the army, etc. Many tournaments and championships are held throughout the year.

And so it is the same here in Australia, where Swiss Communities uphold this tradition. There are Club and Regional Championships as well as the Annual Australian Jass Tournament. The latter is held in various Australian capital cities and now in 2019 it will be held in Darwin.

Good News: enough people have confirmed interest in attending the Tournament in Darwin and it will therefore go ahead.

Detailed planning is underway and more information and a registration form will be published later.

As most participants will probably stay for more than just the weekend we will also try to organise an outing in the area.

We have reserved the Chung Wah Society hall, 25 Woods Street in Darwin. It is centrally located and many hotels are in the vicinity.

Information will be posted on
<https://www.facebook.com/jasstournament>

Please use the following email address to contact us:

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Ruth Milwright, 0414 705 255

Anita Bickel, 0457 457 211



Beautiful childhood memories

Here are some more Winter photos from Switzerland to cool you down!

Photos sent in by Matthias and Anita Bickel, during their visit in Switzerland in December.



Matthias and his brother tobogganing from Preda to Bergün, much fun was had!



<https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-au/toboggan-run-preda-berguen.html>



German language program on Radio 4EB 98.1FM

“Von der Schweizerecke zur Schweizerstunde”

For about half a year, Maria Steiner has hosted and continuous to host the program in Swiss German on Radio 4EB every first Saturday of the month. You can listen live from 11h – 12h on 98.1fm in the Greater Brisbane area or worldwide over the internet via www.4eb.org.au/listen.

Our programs are available on demand via the website www.4eb.org.au/4eb-ondemand and via Facebook www.facebook.com/4EBGerman.

The program covers customs and traditions in Switzerland, current news relevant for the Swiss community in South East Queensland, and events of our Swiss Club here in Brisbane. Some program topics are unique to certain regions, cantons and valleys of our mother country.

The music is a variety of traditional, yodel, classic, Swiss pop & rock, the latest Swiss music, and even Swiss rap songs.

We have a new schedule. The German language program is on

Monday 21h – 22h
Friday 9h – 10h
Saturday 11h – 12h

For our friends ‘de la Romandie’, the French language program is every Saturday 17h – 18h.

Our broadcasting times depend on membership. So, please, become a member to keep this program alive. Please, get in touch with us for your event announcements via radio, your program contribution, memberships, or just to say ‘Hello’.

Please email us to: 4ebgerman@gmail.com

Danke für's zueloose.

Maria Steiner, Thomas Muehe und the German language program team.

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Thomas Muehe and Maria Steiner



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Regular JASSEN



The social Jass Group meets every 2nd Wednesday evening, from 6pm at the Gallopers Sports Club, Cnr Lancaster and Nudgee Rds, Ascot, Brisbane 4007.

JASS Dates 2019

9 January	12, 26 June
23 January	10, 24 July
06 February	7, 21 August
20 February	4, 18 September
06 March	2, 16, 30 October
20 March	13, 27 November
03, 17 April	11 December
01, 15, 29 May	

Everybody welcome.

For more information contact:

Rita von Rotz 0431 707 144

Fredi Vogel 07 3289 1183 or 0431 978 713

www.swissclubqld.org.au/jass-group/

Resources for german-speaking kids abroad

Germanwithkids.com ist die erste globale Informations- und Ressourcen Webseite für Familien mit deutschsprachigen Kindern im Ausland und hat sich seit dem Start 2016 sehr erfreulich ausgebreitet. Viele im Ausland lebenden Familien möchten gerne die deutsche Sprache weitergeben und fördern, haben aber oft Schwierigkeiten im Dschungel des Internets hilfreiche Hinweise zu finden.

Die Webseite bietet gut recherchierte Informationen.

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The Joke Boexli

Have you heard of that new band "1023 Megabytes"? They're pretty good, but they don't have a gig just yet.

Q: Why did the computer show up at work late? A: It had a hard drive.

Q: What do you call an iPhone that isn't kidding around? A: Dead Siri-ous

PATIENT: Doctor, I need your help.

I'm addicted to checking my Twitter!

DOCTOR: I'm so sorry, I don't follow.

**OMG, I have finally
Discovered what's
wrong with my
Brain:**

**on the left side,
there is nothing
right, and
on the right side,
there is nothing left...**



Café Restaurant & Take Away

*"Der Geschmack und die Atmosphäre
wie in Oesterreich"*

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Sunset at Hütten, Switzerland

After a gorgeous day of fresh snow and sun, the sunset turned red and looked like a bushfire behind the hill. It lasted for a good ten minutes. The photo was taken from the intersection of Allenwindenstreet and Berlistreet at Hütten (south of Waedenswil, lake Zurich).

Thank you Gabriel once more for a stunning cover photo!

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Santa visited the Swiss Club!

(more photos on the backpage)



DID YOU KNOW...

The traditional figure of 'Samichlaus' (Santa Claus) is omnipresent in Central Switzerland on 6 December. He visits the homes of families with children, the headquarters of local associations and retirement homes. Numerous villages also hold a Santa Claus procession. Clad in red, Santa Claus follows a fixed route around the village, accompanied by Trychler (cowbell ringers), Geisselchlopfer (whip-crackers) and bearers of lanterns, torches and

Iffelen (a type of elaborately decorated lantern). In addition to his helper, the "Schmutzli", who is cloaked in dark cowls, his closest companions often include a donkey, or, more rarely, a pony, and on occasions servants and angels. These processions have their origins in the bishop's plays performed by monastery pupils in the late Middle Ages that gained popularity throughout central Europe. The most well-known and high-profile event in the Santa Claus tradition is the "Klausjagen" procession in Küssnacht am Rigi.





Kids, have you been good throughout the year?

YES we have, yes we have....

33 Swiss Club children eagerly awaited Santa in December, and they were not disappointed! Santa arrived with a bag full of goodies and the children presented Santa with little gifts and drawings in return.



Photos kindly supplied by Irene Killalea

