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President's Message

By Arnold Ambiel

Dear Members,

What's that one Swiss memory that puts a smile on your face when you're reminded by its taste, smell, sound or sight? For some it's a bratwurst from the grill or the smell of alpine grass or the sound of an alphorn or cowbells or the sight of a Swiss flag in a blue sky. I'll bet though there is one song you've heard hundreds of times but you can't name….it's called Steiner Chilbi, the most popular ländler tune of all time. Find it in your cd collection or online and have a listen. It will remind you why we like to come to events at Swiss Park!

With the coming of Fall, our summer events are done for the year. Thanks to everyone who attended our Schwingfest and to all the volunteers and donors that made it possible. We all had a great time. And thanks to all the wrestlers who participated so soon after the Zug Eidgenoessische Schwingfest in August.

Our Life Members Survey Results are in. We received a lot of good feedback. We'll be presenting them at the Annual Members Meeting on November 3rd. Please plan on attending.

Our Metzgete on November 9th will feature meats available only once a year. It's a great event for all "nose to tail" fans.. We'll have an excellent meal, listen to good music and enjoy each other's company.

If you have any friends who you think would like to become Aelpler Gruppe Social Members, encourage them to join before the Annual Christmas Dinner so they and their children can attend. It's free to all members.

New Trivia Question: Who wrote Steiner Chilbi? Where is it celebrated every year?

Call/text me at 510-936-2523 or via facebook.com/ajambiel with the answer. We'll draw the winner from the first four correct answers. Trudy May-Moesch won the coin toss to become our last winner. She receives two tickets to our Metzgete in November. Look for the answer to last issues' question inside.

Ich wünsche euch alles Gute,
Arnold

Metzgete

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner served from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dancing to "Showcase The Band"
7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Please see flyer on the inside

Make your reservations now!

Member's Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 3rd at 2 p.m.

Meeting starts 2 p.m. with a meal to follow

Member's Christmas Dinner
Saturday, December 7th

Mailer to follow with information and raffle tickets

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Facebook page
www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub

Swiss Fest 2019
Schwingfest and Swiss Festival
Saturday, September 7, 2019

The Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club held their Swiss Fest 2019 at their beautifully decorated Swiss Park on Saturday, September 7, 2019 on a cool day; perfect for the wrestlers but too cool for the attendees. Although the number of Schwingers was fairly light as well as the attendees, the wrestlers demonstrated good form and it became an interesting Schwingfest for both the adults and the boys and girls.

For the seniors, Jakob Schallberger and Andrew Betschart were called up for the Schlussgang. Both demonstrated excellent technique that they had developed while wrestling in Switzerland during the Eidgenoessischen Schwing-und Aelplerfest in Zug on August 24 and 25, 2019. In approximate the 6th minute of the round, Jakob was able to put Andrew on his back and became the winner of the Schwingfest. The judges for the day were: Urs Gwerder, Connie Grass, Bob Wipfli, Walter Haslemann. Ed Ott was the ring judge the entire day.

The club did an outstanding job in decorating the facility; providing a delicious sausage luncheon and chicken dinner, and hosting a heritage booth and souvenir sales. We appreciated all the volunteers that made the day so enjoyable. Special thanks also goes to individuals who donated prizes and funds to the club including: a Schwinger friend who donated a Giant Swiss Bell for the 1st place - awarded to Jakob Schallberger; Walter Haslemann for the Schoenschwinger Plaque awarded to Carlos Hernandez; Joe and Mary Ann Russo for the wine tasting voucher awarded to Andrew Betschart; a beautiful belt buckle that was donated in honor of Joe Schmidig awarded to Urs Schuetz; a bottle of wine donated by Barty Muller awarded to Urs Schuetz; small bells donated by Walter Haslemann to all the boys and girls who were medal winners; and monetary donations made by: a Schwinger friend, Frank Schmidig, Agnes Reed, Mariette Franke, Heidi Betschart; Dave and Margrith Reichmuth; Karen and Connie Grass, Marilyn Manchester; and Arnold and Suzanne Ambiel.

submitted by: Walter Haslemann

Jakob Schallberger

Our Chefs – The Hoffmans

Wrestling technique instruction

Ranglisten

SENIORS

1. Jakob Schallberger	Lodi, CA	58.25
2. Andrew Betschart	Ripon, CA	56.25
3. Carlos Hernandez*	Ripon, CA	55.75
Above with Crowns		
4.Urs Schuetz	Reichenbach, CH	55.50
5. Steven Widmer	Manteca, CA	55.25
6. Steven Schonenberger	San Ramon, CA	54.75
7. Mike Berchtold	French Camp, CA	52.50

Boys and Girls

1. Sam Ming	Sacramento, CA	57.50
2a. Carl Ming	Elk Grove, CA	56.25
2b. Walter Bynum	Manteca, CA	56.25
3. Belle Beglinger	Manteca, CA	56.00
4. Alex Kuttel	Sacramento, CA	55.75
Above with Medal		
5. Oliver Heid	Pleasanton, CA	55.50
6. Grace Beglinger	Manteca, CA	54.75
7. Daniel Heid	Pleasanton, CA	54.50
8. Leonidas Garcia	Ripon, CA	52.50

STEINSTOSSEN

1. Andrew Betschart	Ripon, CA	12 feet 9 inches
2. Billy Mayer Hans	Switzerland	12 feet 3 inches
3. Steven Schonenberger	San Ramon	12 feet 2 inches

* Schoenschwinger

Aelpler Gruppe will host the WCSWA Championship next year!

2019 AGSC Fall Schwingest Crown Girls

Seniors - Schwinger	**Crown Girl**
Jakob Schallberger	Toni Wipfli
Andrew Betschart	Karly Duvall
Carlos Hernandez	Chris Schallberger
Boys and Girls - Schwinger	**Crown Girl**
Sam Ming	Carol Ming
Carl Ming	Grace Beglinger
Walter Bynum	Lynice Schallberger
Belle Beglinger	Urs Schütz

Fall Schwingfest video by Tom Coroneos:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0aSbmc43-Q

Short film highlighting the recent **Eidgenössische Schwingfest**, which was held August 23-25, 2019 in Zug, Switzerland
https://www.esafzug.ch/2019/08/29/kurzfilm-zum-fest/

Reichmuth Family

Our youngest volunteer!

Swiss National Day – August 3, 2019

Swiss National Day at Swiss Park was held on a beautiful warm summer day in Newark, CA. Many visitors enjoyed a wonderful day of Swiss culture, Swiss music, and Swiss food.

The Swiss Echoes Choir performed lovely songs to the delight of all of us. We were also entertained by Arthur Brogli with his accordion. The Bernese Mountain Dogs came for a visit and children also enjoyed the jump house and games and activities. Kids were also shown how to wrestle and had fun trying to pin their opponent and win the round.

Swiss National Day video By Tom Coroneos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pdr9eQZzNHw

Tombola:
Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club appreciates the generous donations received for the Swiss National Day tombola booth. Through your donations we were able to provide a fun activity for all ages and while doing so, raising money for our Club. Special thanks to the Arnold Ambiel family for rolling over 2000 loesli (rolled tickets) and organizing the booth.

30th Pacific Coast Swiss Singing and Yodeling Festival in June of 2020!

Swiss Singing Society “Harmonie” will be hosting the 30th Pacific Coast Swiss Singing and Yodeling Festival.

Mark your calendars and join them for four fun-filled days of Swiss music and culture from **June 25-28 2020 at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel and the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena**, and the beautiful Swiss Park in Whittier!

Come for the entire festival, or attend individual events such as; Grand Concert, Friday, June 26, 2020, at the Ambassador Auditorium or the all-day Folk Fest on June 27, 2020 at Swiss Park in Whittier.

For those of you wanting to stay in Pasadena, the Pasadena Hilton has set aside a block of rooms for festival attendees. Festival Badges, Grand Concert and Folk Fest tickets, and festival hotel rooms will go on sale in the Fall of 2019. The “Harmonie” is hard at work putting on a great festival for you. Check out www.swissfest2020.com for more information, or email info@swissfest2020.com to get on mailing list.

Aelpler Gruppe 2019 Calendar of Events

www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub

Nov 3 Annual Member's Meeting - 2:00 p.m.
Nov 9 Metzgete Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Dec 7 Member's Annual Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm

2020 Championship Schwingfest at Newark on September 5, 2020

United Swiss Societies
Diane Wagner, President 510-582-0698
www.unitedswissnorcal.org

Peninsula Swiss Club

Contact: Sandra Scanferla-Eidam 408-348-6911
sandra.scanferla@gmail.com
www.peninsulaswissclub.com

Swiss Consulate General
Pier 17, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94111
Phone: 415-788-2272
www.eda.admin.ch/sanfrancisco

Swiss Rifle Club Events

Contact John Burky at 510-996-8789
More information at: www.carmelgunclub.com
And www.feldschiessen.us

Sierra Swiss Club Calendar
Contact: Urs Gwerder 530-587-8316

Pro Ticino
http://www.proticino.ch/

Sängerfest
30th Pacific Coast Swiss Singing and Yodeling Festival
Los Angeles 2020

http://www.swissfest2020.com/

Steering Committee – headed by Ed Ott

The Committee has eight members who are tasked to review the current situation of the Aelpler Gruppe club and of the Swiss Park, Inc. They will make recommendations on the future direction of both the Club and of Swiss Park Inc.

Membership Committee – headed by Julia Hester

The Committee has four members who are tasked to review current membership and to make recommendations to increase Aelpler Gruppe Club membership.

Swiss Park 2019 Events
5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark 510-793-6272

Please check the website for the current event listings at:
www.swissparknewark.com

SJVSC, Ripon 2019 Calendar of Events
www.sjvscriponswiss.com
Tony Berchtold, President

Oct 19 Fall Swiss Echoes Dinner & Concert
Nov 10 Fall Jass Party
Dec 1 Swiss Echoes Christmas Dinner
Dec 8 Children's Christmas Party

Eidgenössische Schwingfest 2020 in Basel, CH
Around 300,000 visitors are expected to attend the 2022 Schwingfest in Pratteln (near Basel).

West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association
New Board: President – Arnold Ambiel, acting
Vice President – Urs Gwerder
Treasurer – Don Widmer, acting
Secretary – Chris Schallberger, acting

All West Coast Schwingfests are now online at
http://schlussgang.ch/

2020 Schwingfest Dates: Coming soon!

USS Swiss American Night at the San Jose Sharks. Saturday, November 23rd at 7 p.m.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/swiss-night-with-the-san-jose-sharks-tickets-on-sale-now-tickets-73153974507

Tickets are on sale through **October 23, 2019** and include an exclusive **Swiss Sharks Beanie/Hat**, reserved **Seating in Swiss Sections**, and a post-game **Group Photo** on the ice with Swiss player Timo Meier

Obituary:
Our beloved Life Member **Adelaide (Heidi) Britschgi** of Hayward, California passed away Sunday, July 15,2019 after a short illness at the age of 93.

Heidi is survived by her loving twin sister Gigi and nephew Albert of 26454 Montana Way Hayward, CA, 94544. She was preceded in death by her husband Arnold, and daughter Marilyn.

Remembrances can be made to Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Memorial Fund, 5911 Mowry Ave. Newark, CA 94560, to SJVSC Memorial Fund P.O Box 373, Ripon, CA, 95336 or a charity of your choice.
Private services were held.

Obituary:
Our beloved Life Member **Walter Ulrich** of Fremont, CA passed away peacefully at home on September 10th.

Walter Ulrich 01/07/1934 - 09-10-2019

Aelpler Gruppe Life Member, Walter Ulrich, entered into rest on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, in Fremont, California at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife Lois of 52 years, his daughters Monica (Bret Watson) and Sonia (Monica Kenyon) and four grandchildren. He was born in Küssnacht am Rigi Switzerland on January 7, 1934 and immigrated to the USA in 1954. In 1956 he was drafted into the US Army and sent to Korea (38th Parallel) where he served in the heavy mortar division. In 1961 he went to work for Fred Vetter, a Swiss landscape contractor, learned the trade and eventually started his own business. During that time he was also Manager of Swiss Park, Newark, California for 19 years.

The biggest joys of his life were his family and friends.

Remembrances can be made to Kaiser Hayward Hospice – in Memory of Walter Ulrich; 30116 Eigenbrodt Way, Union City, CA 94587

We mourn the death of **Ted Horat** of Cathedral City, CA. Ted was a Life Member of Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club.

Memorial Fund Donations

Grateful donations to the Memorial Fund have been received for the following members who have passed:

Received in Memory of **Heidi Britschgi** from:

Fred & Jo Ann Kaufman
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Jeri Kroske
Pete & Jackie Zuger
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Heidi Ambiel
Arnold Ambiel

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Arnold Ambiel
Milly Gaehwiler
Kurt & Linda Clausen
Marilyn Manchester

Received in Memory of **Ted Horat** from:

Heidi Ambiel
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Aelpler Gruppe Board of Directors Meeting is held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Newark Swiss Park unless otherwise notified.

Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors Meeting
Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Newark Swiss Park unless otherwise notified

TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER - July 2019

Question: Which 2019 festival only happens every 20 years in Switzerland? Where is it held?
Answer: The Fête des Vignerons, is a wine festival held every 20 years in Vevey, Switzerland. Mark your calendars; the next one is in 2039!

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Join your friends at the annual

Metzgete - Schlachtfest

Saturday, November 9, 2019 at

Newark Swiss Park

5911 Mowry Ave . Newark . 94560

Sponsored by Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

Doors open at 5:00 pm - - No Assigned seating

Dinner served from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dancing to "Showcase The Band" 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Admission - Dinner & Dance - $25.00

Children 14 years and under - $5.00 *(Hot-dogs available for children)*

Dance Only - $12.00

Due to special order of meat and sausages,
Reservations are due by October 25, 2019

Dinner includes your choice of "two" of the following: Bratwurst, Leberwurst (liver sausage), German style Blood sausage, Rippli (smoked pork loin)

All dinners include Red Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Applesauce & Dessert

Name(s): _____ Phone # : _____

Email: _____ Adult(s): _____ Children 14 & under: _____

Mark "2" meat choices per reservation: Bratwurst_____ Leberwurst_____ Rippli _____

German style Blood sausage_____ Hot-dogs (for children 14 & under) _____

Check enclosed in the amount of: $ _____

Please mail reservation and check to arrive by October 25, 2019.
Make checks payable to: Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club.
Mail to: Aelpler Gruppe Attn: Metzgete
5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560

General Information

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Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors

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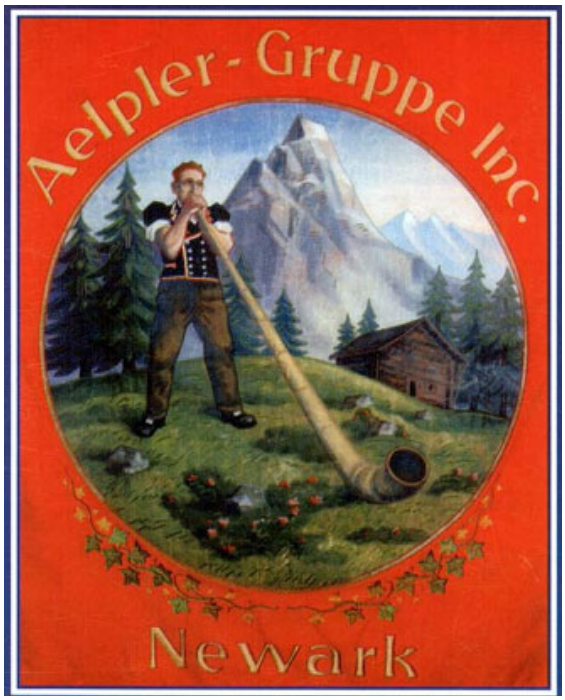

There was a lot of positive press coverage for the American and Canadian Schwingers in Zug.

Here are a few web links that might interest you:

DER US-SCHWINGER DUSTIN GWERDER IM INTERVIEW. DER AMI MIT MUOTATHALER WURZELN FLOG VON KALIFORNEN ANS ESAF IN ZUG

SCHWINGER AUS DEN USA AM ESAF

5 Stories from the Edig. Schwingfest Jakob Schallberger

US Boy Jakob Schallberger

He also wants to stand in the sawdust on Sunday: John Koch from Ontario – Regional Sports (AZ) – Sports

A Warm Welcome

Exotics at ESAF want to be "no cannon fodder" – News