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President's Message

By Arnold Ambiel

Dear Aelplers,



For a club that has been shutdown since March, there is a lot to update you on. In June, Swiss Park opened an outdoor Beer Garden. It is open 6 days a week from noon until dark with physically-distanced seating following Alameda County Health Guidelines. The Beer Garden features a full menu, local beers on tap, a complete bar and music on the weekends. Masks are required and visitors must wash their hands before entering. The Swiss Hall remains closed until indoor bars are allowed to open.

We used the shutdown to refinish the maple dance floor and red oak stage. They look great.

In June, we produced 3 videos to showcase our club on the upcoming August 1st Swiss National Day Broadcast. Each one is 3 minutes or less and presents the Aelpler Gruppe, Swiss Park Bar and Grille and our upcoming hiking events. Thanks to Tom Coroneos, Pat Schaffarczyk, Michelle Ott and Bob Fuchlin for making this happen.

Congratulations to all of this year's graduates. It's been a tough Spring but you will all do great! We're proud to showcase your accomplishments.

Thanks to all who have joined or renewed their membership. And thanks to everyone who has purchased USS Raffle tickets so far. Mail your tickets in! We get \$1 for each ticket sold. Also, please send in your replies for our membership book.

Since we still can't meet in person, I ask that we all pick up the phone and call one or two members a week. As we continue to shelter in place, a call or note from a friend can put a smile on all our faces.

New Trivia Question: Why are mountain top bonfires popular on August 1st and what were they used for in early Switzerland? Call/text me the answer at 510-936-2523. We'll draw a winner from the first 4 received. BillyLeah Berchtold is our April winner (again). Look inside for the answer to the last trivia question.

Ich wunsche euch alles Gute,

Arnold

Online **United Swiss Societies**



1st of August Celebration

www.unitedswissnorcal.org

Aelpler Gruppe Fall Schwingfest
Unfortunately we had to make the decision to
cancel the Fall Schwingfest this year.

Metzgete Dinner
November 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Annual Member's Meeting
Sunday, November 1st 2:00 p.m.

**Outdoor bar and dining are open at Newark
Swiss Park (Indoor operations are currently
suspended). www.swissparknewark.com
for hours of the outdoor beergarten**

**Imperial Valley Schwingfest postponed
until 10/24/2020**

New Aelpler Gruppe Website
www.aelplergruppe.com

**You can now make donations to the
memorial fund directly through the website.**

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

Virtual Swiss Kids Camp 2020

This year free Swiss Kids Camp 2020 was very unique as it was virtual. Due to the restrictions of Covid-19, we had only two choices, to not have a camp this year or try something new. We tried a new approach; used the Zoom (conference) platform, and our website to create a virtual camp.

For the Zoom platform, we offered sessions such as Story Time books from Swiss Artist Selina Chonz, Art of Drawing, A visit with the Bernese Mountain Dogs, Show us your Swiss Talent Show, and ended with the Movie Heidi (2015), Director Alain Gsponer. The camper chose what course they wanted to participate in, and on the camp day Sunday, June 14, 2020, they called into selected class.

Each instructor had a different level of participation in their classes. For example, in Story Time, the instructor added a Swiss-German Lesson based on the story or in the Art of Drawing, the campers received a practice sheet that they followed along with the instructor.

Online at our website www.unitedswissnorcal.org we also had activities available for the campers, which were available from June 12, 2020 through June 15, 2020. This gave campers the flexibility to choose how much they wanted to participate in the camp. The following activities were available on the website; e-books with games, how to play Nünistei, Swiss cooking recipes, and Scherenschnitte. These were all downloadable. We even had a video course on how to Yodel, as well as the history of Swiss wrestling with a short video of the activities over the years at Swiss kids camp.

This year's camp was extraordinary in that we saw entire families participating in the Swiss Kids Camp. We also had campers from Swiss Clubs in Florida, Detroit, Washington, Atlanta, New York, and Southern California join the virtual camp. Over 100 Swiss Kids Campers signed up to participate in virtual Swiss Kids Camp and 253 unique visits to our website for the online camp. We hope that next season Swiss Kids Camp 2021 will be in person again. But now we will consider incorporating a day of virtual and online classes as part of the camp next year.

Submitted by Robin and Severin Ott



Faith Wagner, Art of Drawing Class



Jules Ott, making Wurst salad

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Raffi Baumann graduated from Tamalpais High school in Mill Valley. Proud father is Heinz Baumann.

Kevin Kaslin graduated 8th grade. He is the Grandson of Jost & Rosmarie Kaslin (Tanner) and Grand-nephew of deceased Life Member, Alois Kaslin.

Congratulations Graduates!



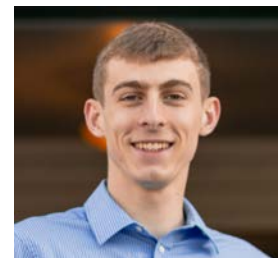
Jonathan Ott graduated from California Polytechnic State University with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management and a minor in Real Property Development. He will be starting his career at XL Construction in July. He is the son of Ed and Michelle Ott; Grandson of Bill and Marilyn Bauhofer; Grandson of Leo (Canton Thurgau) and Charlene Ott.



LeAnna Jones graduated from Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo. She plans to continue working. LeAnna is the daughter of life member Annamarie Zuger Jones and Lee Jones, Granddaughter of life members Pete and Jackie Zuger.

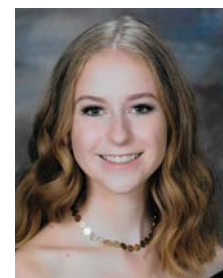
Nicole Ahrens graduated from Cal State East Bay with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Science with a Physiology concentration and a minor in Chemistry. She is the daughter of Helen Kaslin and Granddaughter of Jost & Rosmarie Kaslin (Tanner); Grand-niece of deceased Life Member, Alois Kaslin.

Adam Satariano graduated from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. He is the son of Mark & Rose Satariano and Grandson of Jost & Rosmarie Kaslin (Tanner) who come from Cantons Nidwalden & Schwyz. Adam is the Grand-nephew of deceased Life Member, Alois Kaslin, Nidwalden.



Lauren Ambiel graduated from Scotts Valley High School. She will be attending Cabrillo College and playing basketball. She is the daughter of Life Member, Greg Ambiel and Denise Quick, and granddaughter of Heidi Ambiel Cantons Obwalden and Nidwalden

Lydia Watson graduated from Pioneer High School in San Jose, CA as Valedictorian of her class and member of the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society. Lydia will be attending Foothill Community College and will later transfer to a 4-year university to complete her undergraduate degree. Lydia is the daughter of Bret Watson and Monica Ulrich of San Jose and the granddaughter of Lois Ulrich and the late Walter Ulrich of Fremont.



Thanks to Members **Ed and Michelle Ott** for beautifying Newark Swiss Park during the Shelter in Place time. They planted at the front gate area and in new planter pots by the outside kitchen. Just in time for the opening of the Beer Garden. Stop by, have a drink, and take a look!

Submitted by Margrith Reichmuth



**** Swiss Park Update – Aelpler Gruppe Club members can purchase sausages, Landjaeger, and Linguisa from Swiss Park (check the website for when Swiss Park reopens ****



Beerhouse with new plexiglass installed

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Social Membership

Join the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club!

Your Annual \$40 social membership entitles you to:

- Special member invitations to yearly events (Schwingfest, Fondue Night, Metzgete, etc).
- Christmas Party – Free to Social Members
- Subscription to newsletter

To join; please send your name, email address, postal address, phone number and enclose a \$40 check (paid after April 30th dues are \$50.00) made payable to Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club and mail to:

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Attn: Membership
5911 Mowry Ave., Newark, CA 94560

Questions; aelplergruppe@gmail.com 510-936-2523
<https://www.aelplergruppe.com/memberships/>

Lisa Kroske and Joe Kloecker wedding: After having to cancel their dream wedding due to Covid-19, Lisa Kroske and Joe Kloecker had a small wedding with their families in attendance on June 27, 2020. Lisa is the daughter of Jim and Jeri Kroske of Gilroy and granddaughter of Rosemary Ramsell of Fremont. Joe is the son of Patricia Kloecker of Gilroy. They will make their home in Gilroy.



Welcome New Social Member!
Ashley Morris

Swiss National Day Video Event on August 1st.

Thanks to Tom Coroneos, Patricia Wipfli-Schaffarczyk, Michelle Ott, Arnold Ambiel, and Bob Fuchslin for working on these wonderful videos.

Aelpler Gruppe Video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rM1TpYJqOD9yMOip8WXdlF3fvqOqlw9t/view?usp=sharing>

Swiss Park Video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D9D8OTrC-o4SA7ImKS7qwVxv6-Okp0fr/view?usp=sharing>

Hiking Video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NWv9DNM4T9gYC8whKd3xizpi94SammZP/view?usp=sharing>

Swiss National Day celebration Raffle tickets

Aelpler Gruppe is selling tickets as a fundraiser for both the United Swiss Societies of Northern California and the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss club. Our club will receive \$10 for every book of tickets sold. We will use the proceeds for repairs and upgrades of Swiss Park and our Hall. There will be lots of prizes. Please order some ticket booklets and support the club. To receive ticket booklets or to order more booklets, please contact us at aelplergruppe@gmail.com or at 510-936-2523.

Raffle tix – please purchase tickets or send them back to the club for us to continue selling. Thank you!

Aelpler Gruppe 2020 Calendar of Events

www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub

~~May 3~~ Postponed- Semi-Annual members meeting
~~June 14~~ United Swiss Societies Kid's Camp 9 a.m.
~~June 28~~ East Bay Club Hike
Aug 1 **Online** - United Swiss Societies – Swiss National Day

Sep 4 Cancelled - Dinner prior to Schwingfest
Sep 5 Cancelled - Fall Schwingfest in Newark
Sep 27 North Bay Club Hike
Nov 1 Annual Member's Meeting 2:00 p.m.
Nov 7 Metzgete Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Dec 5 Member's Annual Christmas Dinner 6:00 pm



United Swiss Societies

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Contact information for Western US **Swiss Clubs**:
Visit the Swiss Consulate General's website:
https://www.eda.admin.ch/dam/countries/countries-content/united-states-of-america/en/112.0_CHclubsSF.pdf

Swiss Rifle Club Events

Contact John Burky at 510-996-8789
More information at: www.carmelgunclub.com
And www.feldschiessen.us
<http://www.carmelgunclub.com/SWISS%20Matches.html>

Sierra Swiss Club Calendar

Contact: Urs Gwerder 530-587-8316
<http://sierraswissclub.homestead.com>

Pro Ticino

<http://www.proticino.ch>

Trivia question: "What is the Via Alpina and what does the SAC do along it?"

Answer: Via Alpina is a long-distance hiking route. It's 20 daily stages go over 14 Alpine passes through the northern Alps of Switzerland. The Swiss Alpine Club (SAC) manages the network of huts found along the Via Alpina among the over 150 huts it manages throughout Switzerland.

Swiss Park 2020 Events

5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark 510-793-6272

Currently the Hall and restaurant are closed – Please see the website for updates.

There are many other on-going events at Swiss Park. Please check the website for the current event listings at: www.swissparknewark.com

SJVSC, Ripon 2020 Calendar of Events

www.sjvscriponswiss.com

Tony Berchtold, President

July 25 ~~Swiss Kids Camp & Members BBQ~~
Aug 29 Cancelled- Fall Schwingfest & Members BBQ
Oct 3 Oktoberfest
Oct 17 **Fall Swiss Echoes Dinner & Concert - Corrected**
Nov 8 Fall Jass Party
Dec 6 Swiss Echoes Christmas Dinner
Dec 13 Children's Christmas Party

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:

April 4 Imperial Valley – Holtville – **Postponed until October 24th**
July 18 Cancelled - Sierra Swiss Club – Truckee
Aug 8-9 Cancelled - Swiss Sportsman Club – Tacoma
Aug 29 Cancelled - San Joaquin Valley Club – Ripon
Sept 5 Cancelled - **Championship** - AG Club - Newark

*Get Well to Jackie Zuger who had knee surgery and a big
Get Well to Jon Ramsell who also had recent surgery*

Please send in your information for the Aelpler Gruppe Member's Handbook/Directory.

Below are a few responses from members:

Member 1

Connections: Friends Canton: Jura/Obwalden
Interests: Cards, Jass, Chinese Poker, Baseball; Casinos

Member 2

Connections: Grandparents. Canton: Schwyz, Bern, Zurich
Activities: Landler & Folk Song Music

United Swiss Societies will host "Swiss National Day Live" August 1st, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.



USS: With the unique restriction we are experiencing, we have decided to celebrate Swiss National Day by creating a Digital Broadcast with The Swiss Consulate of San Francisco. We are excited to launch "Swiss National Day Live" a virtual event that will be co-hosted by our new Consul General Benedikt Wechsler and USSNC President Diane Wagner.



Stanislaus Swiss Club celebrates 100 years!

Stanislaus Swiss Club is located in Ceres, California. They were founded in 1920.

Congratulations on celebrating your 100th

anniversary from all of us at Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club!
www.stanislauswissclub.com

Swiss Bay radio on the air twice per week until August 1st. Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m.



The Consulate General of Switzerland in San Francisco, in collaboration with Zurich-based web-radio Gegen Den Strom, is bringing Swiss music to enjoy during the next few weeks. They air a show from Zurich for their California audience every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. You can click here to tune in live or to listen to previous episodes:

<https://t.e2ma.net/click/nggnhd/vqx9gi/bfvqht>

Eidgenoessisches Jubilaeums-Schwingfest 2020 in Appenzell will now be hosted in 2021! www.appenzell2020.ch

Next Eidgenoessisches Schwingfest: Basel 2020 <https://esaf2020.ch/>

Memorial Fund Donations

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

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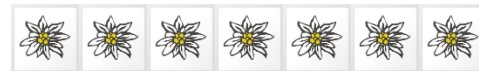
Arnold & Suzanne Ambiel



Whom to contact when a Swiss Club member is deceased:

Please e-mail our Corresponding Secretary at jerikroske@gmail.com or call 408-842-4621

You can now make Memorial Fund donations through the Aelpler Gruppe website: <https://www.aelplergruppe.com/donations/>



National Day greeting for the Swiss Abroad

This year, President of the Confederation, Simonetta Sommaruga, addresses the Swiss Abroad on 1st of August:

<https://www.aso.ch/en/information/news-archive/national-day-greetings-for-the-swiss-abroad-1594028809?page=1>

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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.

We are thinking of you all during this time and wishing you and your families well.

Please reach out to our seniors and have a chat to brighten their day!

Stay safe and look for updates as our events will start up once again ☺

Aelpler Gruppe launched our new website!
Take a look and view upcoming events along with information on becoming a club member, past newsletters, and plenty of event photos.

Thank you to Pat Wipfli Schaffarczyk for all the work she put into creating our new website.

<https://www.aelplergruppe.com/donations/>

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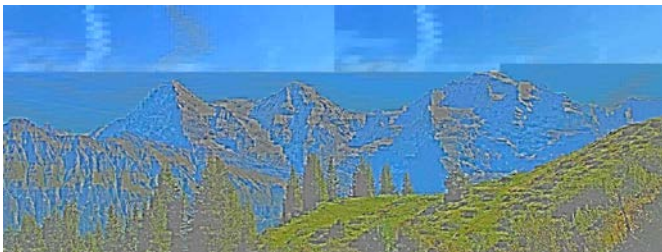
Rescheduled to September 2021

Trip is planned for September 2021 - They are taking reservations now

Stunning mountains and lakes with overnights in Zurich, Geneva, the Gruyere area, Grindelwald, and Lucerne. The highlight of this visit is the time in the mountain resort of Grindelwald, in the vicinity of three mighty mountains: Eiger, Monch, and Jungfrau; an unforgettable rack railway trip to the "Top of Europe," a high Alpine wonderland of ice & snow: The Amazing Jungfrauoch, Europe's highest railway station!

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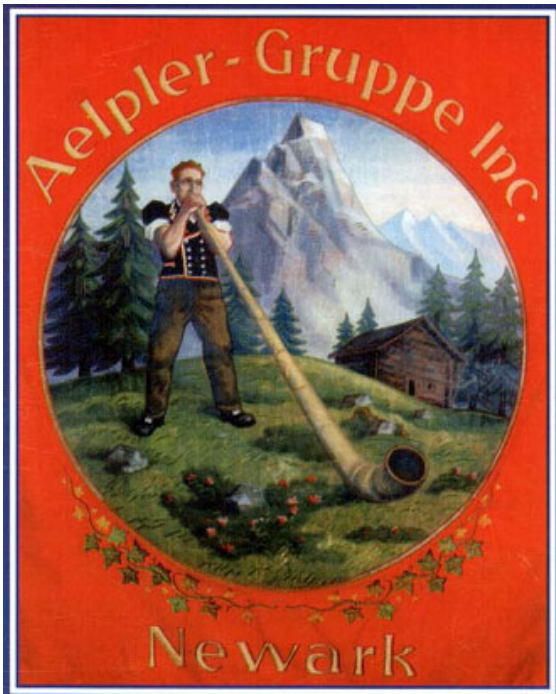
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Swiss National Day presentation:

<https://www.missione1agosto.org/>



News from Swiss Airlines:

We can announce great news regarding our route network. By autumn, we expect to resume service to around 85% of our destinations that we served prior to the sudden onset of the corona crisis. In addition, we will increase the frequencies to attractive destinations across Europe.

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