



# SEATTLE SWISS SOCIETY INC.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
Aug 4	1st of August Picnic	Edgebrook Club
Sept 7-8	Hike	Stevens Pass
Oct 25	Fall Dinner	South Seattle Community College
Dec	Christmas Party	Monroe Swiss Hall

## Did you know?

Our club newsletter and other announcements are available to you online at: [www.seattleswiss.org](http://www.seattleswiss.org)  
 “Why on earth would I want to do that?” you ask. Well, there are many advantages to the electronic edition: The online version is in color, it can be expanded for easier reading, the email and web links are ‘live’, it will never be lost or thrown out, it can be accessed on your mobile device if you’re on the road, and of course it saves your Club time, money and paper.

If you would like to be notified of new publications or to stop your paper copy, please let us know at: [seattleswissclub@gmail.com](mailto:seattleswissclub@gmail.com)

or you may list your email address on the membership renewal form. Thanks!

For those who do not have email, we will still mail out our newsletter as “in the old days.”

## 1ST OF AUGUST CELEBRATION

To celebrate the **Swiss National Day**, please join us on Sunday, August 4th at the Edgebrook Swim & Tennis Club for our annual traditional Swiss Picnic. The fun starts at 2:00 p.m.



This is a great place to bring your children. Fun games are planned and they can also enjoy the pool. To help us prepare, please let us know the ages of the children by calling Patty Richert at 425-444-7672.

**Please bring your own wine and beer** as we are not allowed to sell it at the Club. The Swiss Club will provide lemonade, ice water and coffee.

**Please bring your favorite summer salad or side dish to share.**

Bratwurst and/ or Cervelat, each with a Mütschli (bun), Nussgipfel and Napoleons will be available at nominal cost.



The number of tables and chairs is limited, so to enjoy a comfortable place **you might want to bring your own picnic table and chairs.**

We will have access to the Club pool for a small fee. **If you plan to take a dip, be sure to bring your bathing suit and towel.**

Edgebrook Swim & Tennis Club  
13454 SE Newport Way, Bellevue

[www.edgebrookclub.org/directions.html](http://www.edgebrookclub.org/directions.html)

Directions:

1. From I-90 or 520, take I-405 South to Coal Creek Parkway Exit.
2. Turn Left on COAL CREEK PKY SE
3. Turn Left on FACTORIA BLVD SE
4. Turn Right on SE 43RD ST/SE NEWPORT WAY
5. At the light at ALLEN ROAD, turn left

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## I Did Not Know This

To be labeled ‘Swiss Made’, a watch only needs 50% of its movement to be sourced in Switzerland. The watch as a whole may only be 20-25% Swiss, with the balance made elsewhere (mostly Asia). <http://youtu.be/9l4r4VbX5vI>

## FALL DINNER - Save the Date!

Our favorite **Chefs Roland Oberholzer** and **Hanspeter Aebersold** are already hard at work devising menu suggestions for this year's **Fall Dinner**. Once again it will be held at **South Seattle Community College** on **October 25th**. This is always one of our club's favorite events, so be sure to look for further announcements so you can make your reservations.

## FONDUE PARTY RECAP

Our fondue party was held at the Monroe Swiss Hall on March 17, 2013. We had 58 members and their guests enjoy the wonders of Swiss cheese, bread, wine, and kirsch.

Thank you to **Roland and Doris Oberholzer** for preparing and delivering the goods, and for **Hanspeter Aebersold and Rene Vogt** to step in and help prepare the fondue. **Cascade Alphorns** entertained us all with their wonderful music.



The Seattle Swiss Society would also like to thank the **Monroe Swiss Colony** for the use of the **Swiss Hall**, our chairperson **Margaret Aebersold** who did a wonderful job preparing for this event, and all those who helped make this event special by bringing their favorite side dishes. A special Thank You goes to **Felix Zollinger** for bringing the 3 Bündner Nusstorten, even though he couldn't stick around to enjoy the festivities!

As usual, a good time was had by all.



Photos by Lynn Bützberger

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We like to complain about the Seattle weather – all that rain. However, if we look around we are really quite lucky. After we have read about the tornados and forest fires in this country we recently heard about flooding in Europe, including in Switzerland. Now I just read that two severe storms tormented the “Eidgenössische Turnfest” in Biel, resulting in numerous injuries. As you may know this Swiss National Gymnastics Meet has over 50,000 active participants. So, let us just be happy with our rainy days.

Of course for our Swiss National Day picnic we are hoping for sunshine. We are usually lucky - I remember just one single time that it rained on our picnic out of the more than thirty that we have attended. So let us all get together and enjoy the tranquil Northwest weather.

I would like to emphasize again that the board members like to hear from you with your suggestions as to what kind of event you would like us to organize. I hope to see you on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August and wish you a pleasant summer.

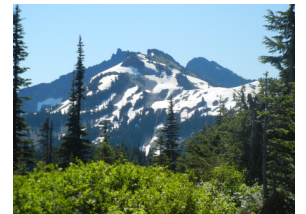
Hans Saxer

## Swiss Hike - Another Date to Save!

Our annual hike will be held the weekend of September 7th & 8th somewhere on Stevens Pass.

What can you expect?

- Two days of moderate hiking in our great back- country
- Camaraderie and socializing
- Enjoying great meals together
- Playing games in the evening or just relaxing and visiting with friends
- Overnight stay at the cabin at Stevens Pass



Even if you are not into hiking, you can still join the fun at the cabin. You will likely find somebody to join you for a short stroll in the mountains or a Sunday visit to Leavenworth.

A sign up sheet will be available at the 1st of August picnic.

If you are interested, please let us know at the picnic, or contact Hans Saxer at 360-863-2094 or at [saxerhm@gmail.com](mailto:saxerhm@gmail.com)

Details will be mailed in August to all interested parties.

## YOUR 2013 BOARD

President:	<i>Hans Saxer</i>	360-863-2094
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## Passings

Gary Dunlap	10/04/2012
Hans Hauser	10/13/2012
Charles Baumgartner	2/6/1928 - 12/14/2012

## From the Publisher's Desk . . . Stories Wanted!

Do you have any news, information, thoughts or ideas that you would like to share with other members of the Club? Please contact your publisher/editor:

Rick Bützberger [rick.butzberger@gmail.com](mailto:rick.butzberger@gmail.com) 206-395-5153



## Seattle Swiss Stevens Pass Ski-In



Half a dozen intrepid Seattle Swiss Club members braved the beautiful sunshine at the First Annual (???) Seattle Swiss Club Ski-In at Stevens Pass on March 24th and 25th. We hope this becomes another Seattle Swiss tradition!

Many thanks to Dick Reutimann and the Seattle Swiss Ski Club for making this event possible!



### LINKS & STUFF

My cousin Judy in Salmon Arm, BC is hoping to acquire an alphorn so she can play with the Swiss Lodge owner. Please contact her if you have any leads:

(250) 832-2195      [judylink@sunwave.net](mailto:judylink@sunwave.net)

Who knew there were so many Bierstuben and Stammtisches in the Seattle area:      [www.seattleaufdeutsch.com](http://www.seattleaufdeutsch.com)

From Gerard Wirz:      [www.iloveseattle.org](http://www.iloveseattle.org)

Barbara Curran wants Swiss teachers for the Greater Seattle German-American School - 206-349-3609

[barbara@curranonline.com](mailto:barbara@curranonline.com)      [www.sagaschool.org](http://www.sagaschool.org)

### JASS PARTY RECAP

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of April twenty Jass players assembled at the home of Martha and Tony Ruegg to get to work. The goal was to not only find out who would become the 2013 Jass König, but also to enjoy the companionship and to have a good time.

Everything was ready and we pulled cards to get a table and a partner assigned. We settled at the five tables and started playing. Some tables were quiet and concentrated on the game while the talk and laughter indicated that others enjoyed the lighter kind of competition. Four rounds of "Schieber" were played to sort out the lucky ones from the ones who got the bad deal. As you know, it is a bad jasser who does not have a good excuse when he loses.

While all this was going on, Martha was working in the background and when the game finished we had our traditional dinner with potato salad and "Wienerli" along with other salads, followed by several desserts and of course a glass of wine.

The results of the games: Our new champion is Bob Reutimann – congratulations. Bob will get his name engraved on the trophy for the sixth time. In second place is Robert Grossrieder followed by Karl Heinzer. The rest of us? Well, we just got really lousy cards. We all left with a piece of Swiss cheese and some even with a nice bottle of wine.

Thank you to Martha and Tony for hosting the event. Thanks also to Rene Vogt who every year brings the cards and game accessories. And last but not least thanks to all of you who brought appetizers, desserts and wine.

### Monroe Swiss Colony

75th Anniversary!  
Swiss Dance & Bratwurst Dinner  
October 12th

Monthly Meeting & Potluck Luncheon - 1st Sundays  
Doors open at noon, lunch at 1 pm, then we have our meeting.

**July/August - no meetings**

**Monroe Swiss Hall** - 18500 Tualco Road, Monroe

For hall rental and club information, contact:  
[thorpe84@msn.com](mailto:thorpe84@msn.com) or call 425-327-4363

### Tacoma Swiss Clubs Calendar

June	29	Schwingfest & 5K Run
July	28	First of August Bundesfeier
Aug	10	Schwingfest & Dance
	11	Buebe Schwingfest & Dance
Sept	28	Oktoberfest
Nov	9	Rippli Dinner/ Enzian Concert

For information call the Tacoma Swiss Society -  
Joe & Louise Hospenthal at (253) 639-5072  
[www.tacomaswissclubs.com](http://www.tacomaswissclubs.com)

### Swiss Club Helvetia of NCW (Leavenworth)

For information contact **Martin & Heidi Stoller**  
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### *Have you paid your Dues, yet?*

*Your Swiss Club depends on your support.*

*If you have not already  
paid your annual dues,  
please do so now by completing  
the Membership form.*

*Thank you!*

**2013 Membership Dues - Support Your Swiss Club!**

If you have not already paid (except Honorary Members), please complete this form and send it together with your check made out to **Seattle Swiss Society** to:

**Patty Richert  
4122 135th PI SE  
Bellevue, WA 98006**

I / we enclose the following dues:

**Family or Couple: \$30.00  
Single: \$20.00**

**Please Print Clearly**

**First & Last Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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I/we have a new address, phone number, e-mail address (please note any changes below):

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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