



SWISS HERALD

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Waldweihnacht December 14th, 2014

On a chilly evening lots of families met at Seymour Mountain and walked along a trail lit with torches to a magic place, where a tree with real candles was shining in the dark.

The people sang Christmas songs there and went shortly after to a scout cabin nearby.

Busy elves had turned a big room into a homey, warm place with an inviting sent of goodies.



The Elves and the Goodies



They were welcomed by Christmas Music from Members of Vancouver Dorfmusik



And everyone enjoyed peanuts, chocolates, cookies and mandarins.



And then he finally arrived:
SANTA!



He listened to lots of poems and every brave child received a bag with goodies.
He went back into the forest and we all walked back to the parking lot with lots of good memories.
Thanks a lot to the Outdoor Club Members for organizing such a pleasant event!

Christina Lips

Photos by Joe Mueller



Senior's Section

Werner Rutishauser, 604-929-6923

Membership: Susanne Wilson: 604 888-6949 or membership@swiss-society.ca

Filmnachmittage fuer Senioren

For Swiss members who are 55+

im Deutschen Haus

4875 Victoria Drive (Ecke 33rd Ave),
Vancouver, BC

Kosten: \$ 6 fuer Kaffee und Kuchen

Zeit: zwischen 2 und 5 Uhr am Nachmittag



Next Movie-Afternoon:

Sonntag, January 25th, 2015

Die nachfolgenden Daten sind: February 22nd, March 29th, April 26th and May 31st.
(Aenderungen der Daten vorbehalten)

Anmeldungen bis am Montag davor bei Veronika Sans, 604-730-9781 oder
Vreni Huser, 604-731-4300 oder Elisabeth Schupbach, 604-584-3742

Turning 65? Please let Susanne Wilson know. She will add your name to the Seniors' List. You will be entitled to a reduced membership fee in the Swiss Society.

We Are Here To Help!

The Seniors Committee has created a new network for needy, lonely or sick seniors – including members or non-members of SSV – who would like to get a friendly telephone call and/or a visit.

At the moment we are able to visit people in the areas of Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. Please let us know when somebody has passed away, so we can inform the members of SSV. We also would like to know about special birthdays (80 years or older), since the SSV has not registered these dates.

The coordinator of this network is: Trudi Schmidt, 604-988-9543



Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

December 6th at the Holiday Inn in North Vancouver



Andrea Stolte, our much loved MC



Deputy of the Consul General Jérôme Charbonnet and Consul Silvia Gerber.

Special Thanks go to the Swiss Consulate in Vancouver, who spent \$ 1000 for the Senior's Christmas Luncheon!



To everybody's joy The Swiss Choir sang a variety of songs including some jodelling. The Christmas Songs might have triggered our sense of Christmas spirit.



Membership Chair Susanne Wilson not only welcomed everyone at the entrance, she also had baked more than 120 delicious "Gritibaenze" and those little men were mostly eaten before the lunch.

Thanks, thanks, thanks to our world famous Gritibaenz-and Cookie Bakers!

Barbara Wirsching and her Cookie Baking Team put many hours into baking a variety of traditional Swiss Cookies. Every participant received a bag of those heavenly delicacies. Some spare bags were sold and the money was donated to the Gospel Mission.



Here a picture of our young 85-90+ gang.



Not to forget many thanks to Edvige Weingand, who did all the administration for this popular event. We couldn't have done it without you!

Text and photos Christina Lips

Swiss Choir Section

Elisabeth Appenzeller

Sylvia Kinvig

A sincere Thank You to Mrs Lillian Schmutz from Trail, BC who donated her Tracht (special Swiss traditional dress) to the Vancouver Swiss Choir. She was an active member of the choir in the seventies and we are very grateful to receive this gift of a Tracht. I would like to urge former Choir members to donate or return their Tracht no longer in use. We also would appreciate to receive some men's "Chotteli" (blue, red or black Herdsman shirt with Edelweiss embroidery) The choir has a few new members and extra outfits would be most welcome.

Vancouver Swiss Choir at the Christmas Market Dec. 11, 2014



Although there was some rain, the audience enjoyed the concert and sang along with the choir.

Photos by Eric Berthoud, a friend of Albert Eigenmann



Swiss Outdoor Club

Please register with: Jacques Goldschmidt at: 604- 596 – 6253

Or email: Goldschmidt.jaques@gmail.com

Program proposal for: 2015/2016

January: 10th – 11th: First Ski- Weekend for 2015

Come to the Glacier Springs cabin, WA, and have a good time playing in the snow at the Mount Baker ski resort. Come back to our cabin and stay over to Sunday.

The wood stove will be hot and cozy waiting for us.

Please reserve with Deborah: ssvoutdoorsclub@gmail.com

January 28th: AGM

The Executive of the Swiss Outdoors Club invites all members to our Annual General Meeting to be held at the Edmonds Community Center, 7433 Edmonds Street Burnaby, BC at 7:00 pm. Come and participate in the happenings of your club! Refreshments and snacks will be served.

February: 07th – 09th: Family Ski- Weekend

We will take advantage of the BC Family Long-Weekend and spend some time at the Baker ski resort and come to the cabin to rest and eat. Bring your family! We would love to have you.

Please reserve with Deborah: ssvoutdoorsclub@gmail.com

March: 14 – 15: last Ski-Weekend:

Yes it will be the last organized Ski-Weekend in Glacier Springs.

March: 22 – 27: 2015 Ski Week in Sun Peaks

Again (for the 13th time!) we'll head for a fun and sport filled week to Sun Peaks, near Kamloops in the week of Sunday, March 22 to Friday, March 27, 2015. You can tailor your participation to your needs from one day to six days or longer, as you like. Sun Peaks offers good downhill skiing opportunities, large areas for easy snow shoeing and cross country skiing, and of course for shopping and culinary adventures in the many restaurants.

<http://www.sunpeaksresort.com/>

For this year we invited the Pathfinders (a Vancouver Hiking Club) to join us; some of their members already indicated an interest for snow shoeing and cross country skiing. The more, the merrier! Please reserve as soon as possible to secure your deals. Cahilty Lodge made us a very generous offer. See you in Sun Peaks!

Cahilty Lodge Hotel Room rates (\$/night):

Studio: \$106

Lodge: \$119

Studio Kitchenette:\$128

Loft Kitchenette/Deluxe Studio:\$137

Deluxe Loft/Grand Studio:\$146

Family Suite:\$182

One Bedroom Suite: \$201

Two Bedroom Suite: \$237



These room rates would be subject to 15% taxes.

Room layouts and facilities are given in the pdf attachment.

Ski Passes:

4 day Ski Pass for Seniors – \$ 192.00 (4 for 3) + 5% tax

4 day Ski Pass for Adults – \$ 240.00 (4 for 3) + 5% tax

Yes, this would mean you would pay for 3 days skiing and get the 4th day free. If you were to add 2 extra days for a total of 6 days skiing, you could do so for \$314 for the Senior and \$396 for the Adult; a good deal indeed !

Reservation:

Please reserve as soon as possible. Cahilty Lodge has set up a reservation block; the code is SC322 and the name on the block is Swiss Outdoors Club. Members can call in anytime to make their reservations. They can call toll free

1-800-244-8424 or 250-578-7454. Ask for Cary Hodgson or Calvin Doyle.

Address:



Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge

3220 Village Way

Sun Peaks, BC V0E 5N0

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<u>April 25:</u>	Burns Bog Delta Interpretive Walk	Martin Colombo
<u>May 16:</u>	Burnaby Lake	Peter Schaerer
<u>June 06-07:</u>	Cabin Spring Clean-up	Deborah/ Susanne
<u>June 06:</u>	Executive meeting at the cabin	Jacques
<u>July 11:</u>	Whistler Flats bike tour	Math Jonker
<u>August 15-16:</u>	Cabin Weekend: Hike Church Mountain	Matt Junker
<u>September 12-13:</u>	Picnic and hike	Barbara/ Jacques
<u>October 10:</u>	Hike Whyte Lake above Horseshoe Bay	Joe Mueller
<u>October 25:</u>	Metzgete and Minnekahda Hike	Jacques
<u>November 7:</u>	Reifel Bird Sanctuary	Joe Muller
<u>November ?:</u>	Jass Tournament	Irma Bieri
<u>November 21:</u>	Executive meeting and dinner (Saturday)	Jacques
<u>December 20:</u>	Waldweihnacht	Barbara
<u>Dec. 31 to Jan. 03:</u>	Cabin New Year's eve long weekend	Deborah



Elisabeth Rechsteiner

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Membership

2015 SSV / Outdoors Club / Choir MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL by Mar. 31. 2015

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Society of Vancouver in the past.
It is time for the 2015 renewal.

Members who filled out the new Membership / Liability form for the 2014 SSV membership can send in the membership payment only (no form necessary).

If you did not renew in 2014 or would like to join the SSV for the first time please send the membership / liability form with the payment. You can download & print the form from the SSV website or send an e-mail to me.

If you don't know if your membership form is current please call 604-888-6949 or email me at members@swiss-society.org.

You are able to pay for SSV, Outdoors Club and Choir with one cheque.

You can send the cheque to :

Swiss Society of Vancouver
P.O.Box 32021 Walnut Grove
Langley, BC V1M 2M3

Memberships are as follow:

SSV Individual:	\$ 40.00
SSV Family:	\$ 60.00
SSV Single Senior	\$ 25.00
SSV Senior with Spouse	\$ 40.00

All members are required to pay the SSV membership.

Optional memberships are:

Outdoors Club Single:	\$ 12.00
Outdoors Club Family	\$ 18.00
Choir	\$ 60.00
Youth club	Free

If you miss sending the payment by Mar. 31, 2015 you'll need to fill out a new form because the liability will be expired. There is an updated form available online at the SSV website under "membership", or you can call me and I'll send one.

If anything has changed in your membership status like a change of address or being a new senior, a new form is required.

If there are any other questions, please call or send an email.

Sincerely
Susanne Wilson
SSV; Outdoors Club, Choir & Youth Club Membership Chair.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 10-11 th , 2015	Ski Weekend at Glacier Cabin	Outdoors Club
January 25 th	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
January 28 th	AGM at Edmonds Community Center 7 pm	Outdoors Club
February 7 th – 9 th	Family Skiing Long Weekend at the Cabin	Outdoors Club
February 22 nd	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
March 14 th & 15 th	Ski Weekend at the Cabin	Outdoors Club
March 17 th	AGM SSV	SSV
March 22 nd - 27 th	Sun Peaks	Outdoors Club
March 29 th	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
April 18 th	30 Years of the Vancouver Dorfmusik Concert	Vancouver Dorfmusik
April 26 th	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
April 25 th	Burns Bog Delta Interpretive Walk	Outdoors Club
May 16 th	Burnaby Lake	Outdoors Club
May 31 st	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
June 6 th & 7 th	Glacier Cabin's Spring Clean-up	Outdoors Club
June 6 th	Executive Meeting at the Cabin	Outdoors Club
July 11 th	Whistler Flats Bike Tour	Outdoors Club
August 1 st	Swiss National Celebration	Mountain Range Ass., SSV, OC, Seniors, Youth, Vancouver Dorfmusik
August 15 th & 16 th	Glacier Cabin Weekend: Hike Church Mountain	Outdoors Club

New Year's Resolutions:



I will make sure that I get enough sleep and take lots of beauty naps.



I take good care of myself and go for a walk every day.



I'll meet with friends regularly. I'll eat healthy.



And I'll make sure I get lots of snuggles and cuddles.



Photos and Text: Christina Lips

Preschool-Anecdote from Christina's former Preschool

I just have finished reading a story about a sea-horse. It says that the DAD has given birth to the baby sea-horses. I ask the children: "Who gave birth to YOU?" Great silence.

Me: "Who went through all that pain to give birth to you?"

Amanda: "The dentist!"

One child holds a shell to his ear.

Peter: "You need to put your shell-phone away now."

"When I sleep my eyes are always open."

Fees for Advertisement in the Swiss Herald

Fees for design:

To make minor adjustments: Free

To make major changes to an ad: \$ 25

To create a new ad: \$ 50 - 100

Deadlines for sending in ads or articles:

20th of August, October, December,
February, April and June.

Fees for advertisement:

Ad Size	One Issue	Six Issues
One full page	\$ 150	\$ 825
½ Page	\$ 90	\$ 495
1/3 Page	\$ 60	\$ 330
¼ Page	\$ 40	\$ 220
Business Card (5 Lines)	\$ 20	\$ 110



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Miscellaneous

The Board Members received an email from **Mirjam Fleming (-Weiss)**. After travelling ten months through South Asia and Switzerland, she and her husband decided to move to Whitehorse.

She made the decision to step down from the board as an advisory member. We wish Mirjam and her husband happiness and joy up North and would like to thank them very much for everything they did for the Swiss Society, especially the Youth department.

A **Swiss Flag** has been donated to the SSV by Herman Schneider. On the picture is Thomas Schneider, his son with Karen and James.



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