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## Nick Schwabe (1918 – 2014)

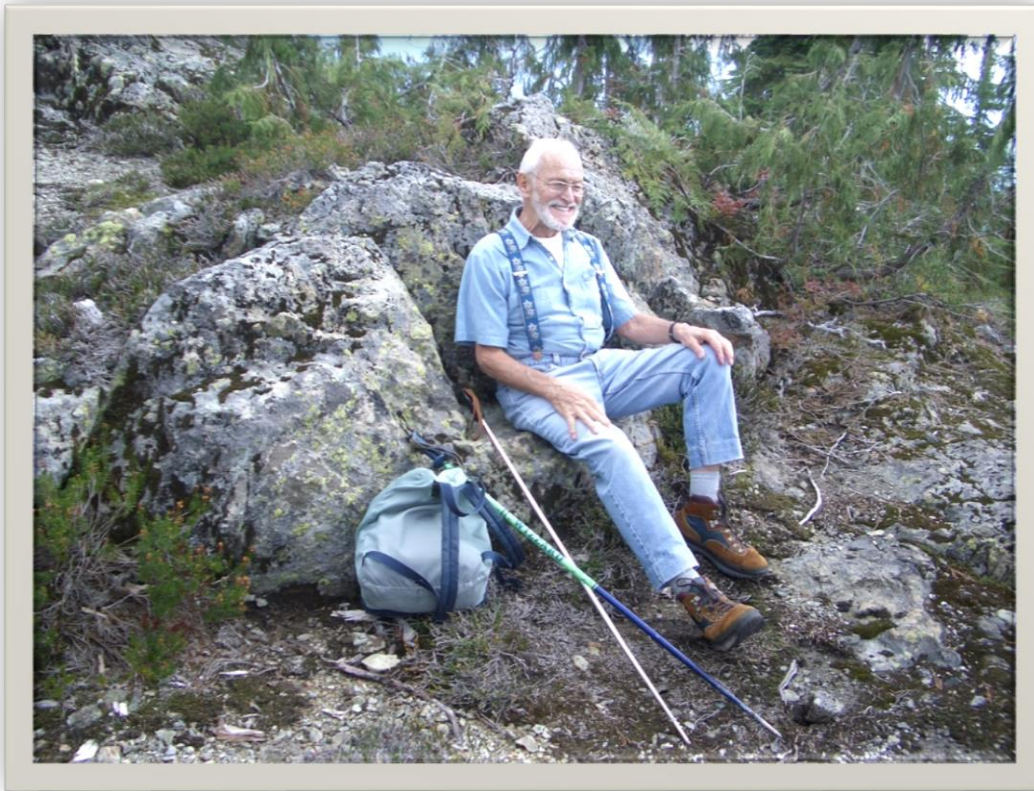


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Forests, lakes, and rivers, clouds and winds, stars and flowers, stupendous glaciers and crystal snowflakes - every form of animate or inanimate existence, leaves its impress upon the soul of man.

**Orison Swett Marden**

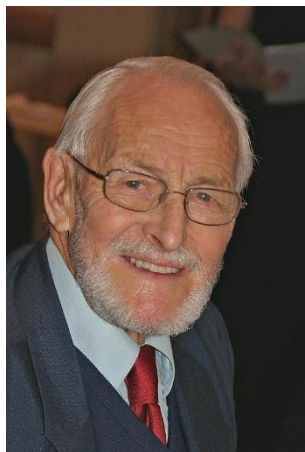
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Somewhere in Squamish

Clips



### Some highlights of Nick (Werther Niklaus) Schwabe's Life,

recalled by his son Stefan

*(Note: Stefan recalls memories of Nick's life. Quotes by Nick, as he had written them in his diary, are noted in quotation marks).*

#### Early Life in Switzerland

Nick ( born in 1918 ) had a brother, Benno (Benno III) four years older. But Benno was a totally different character, and did not become the "Older Brother", little "Brudi" yearned for. Benno didn't take his kid brother along when he went places and made promises that he didn't keep. "God, I had my share of bullying. My brother was a prime example of a bully. Instead of

helping me grow, protecting me from other bullies, he tried it on me," Nick notes in a memoir.

But there was also Anita, a neighbour girl three years older, "I was about four, Anita and I would roam the fields and pick wildflowers for our mothers, and she would read things to me, a big sister teacher." Nick was always fond of Anita.

In April 1928, after a few years in the Arlesheim 'Bezirksschule', his mother, who was a devoted Anthroposophist, enrolled Werther in the Rudolf Steiner Schule in Basel, with class teacher Rudolf Grosse. In a report card Grosse wrote: "...keeps his books with greatest accuracy; spends time to make his presentations clean, correct and with care".

In 1932 Nick's father, Benno II had a graphological analysis done for his son:" "Very conscientious, empathetic, does not commit rashly, is totally honest, somewhat vain, and smart enough to avoid the unacceptable..."

Out of school and into an apprenticeship as a typesetter, it was interrupted by military service. This was followed by another apprenticeship as a pressman. When an apprentice graduates to journeyman, he's "baptised" by being thrown into a fountain basin or a big vat of water, this is called "Gautschen". Someone graduating both crafts (typesetter and pressman ) earned the title "Schweizerdegen" (Swiss-sword or Swiss-dagger).

"This was on the bank of the Limmat River in Zurich. The colleagues were going to grab me...---'Watch me!' I shouted and dove head on over the railing into the Limmat, swam under the bridge and came back up the stone steps". Thus he avoided the "Gautschen" treatment !

In the military Nick took special alpine infantry training, and became a corporal in the F.U.O.S. Gz. Rgt. 49 in spring of 1941: "You get a bed to sleep in, instead of the hay".

In 1957, when he fulfilled his last Obligatorische Schiesspflicht (compulsory shooting) at the range in Arlesheim, he had served a total of 1031 days in uniform,-- and paid some Francs in military duty compensation.

While Nick was taking courses at the Gewerbeschule Zurich ( trade school), he met our mother Esther Brunner. She was doing book-bindery because she was not allowed by her parents to study for the theatre. " Four of us saw the light of the world from 1946 until 1952: *I, Stefan Werther (Steve), Sebastian David (Dave), Renate Maria, and Christoph Andreas (Chris).*

Upon completion of his apprenticeships Nick joined his brother Benno and cousin Christian Overstolz at the Benno Schwabe and Company in Basel, in charge of the typesetting department. But he was not a happy guy at the company, things didn't work out. His dad passed away in 1950, age 63, his mother in 1952, at 61. "During ten long years (1947-1957) working with my cousin, Christian had three heart attacks and I had two nervous breakdowns, which we blamed on each other: I decided to get out!"

In 1957 Nick took fixed-wing flying lessons at the Birrfeld airfield, and spent three months on a farm in the Canton Aargau, tasting that new calling: handling and milking cows, making hay and operating farm machinery. In February that year, Jule Kilcher, a Swiss emigre, showed his home movie in Arlesheim, of life and family, homesteading in Homer, Alaska. This triggered Nick's "Leap of Faith". "We talked to our lawyers, and the decision was made to split the kids between us, since my wife could not and would not want to leave her home and country".

US immigration authorities told Nick that his eligibility quota was full, while his visa application to Canada was granted within 2 ½ months: so off to Canada! "I told my cousin to pay me out! -- Wow, was he happy, he shook my hand in both of his... The rest is history: I left Switzerland with my sons Stefan and David and started from scratch in North Vancouver in October 1959. -- My new life began with 40!"

### **New life in Canada**

On Nov. 26, 1959, we moved into the cottage on Cedar Lane, 2000 Lillooet Rd. in North Vancouver. Initially Nick worked at Marine Printers downtown, and in the spare time we remodeled the house on Cedar Lane.

On May 25th 1962, Nick bought Mountain Press Co. in Lynn Valley for \$ 750, a Heidelberg press and some other inventory. And in December of the same year he moved Mountain Press Co. to the premises of newly acquired Main Blueprinting Co., on 8th Ave at Main. In early 1964 Main Blueprinting Co. and Mountain Press Co. were merged to become Main Copy Centre.



Now Nick was in business for himself and with pride he wrote: "Obviously my new business keeps me busy..., no time for diary entries". But he remained dedicated, twelve hours a day to his work in the shop and passionate for Outdoors adventures at every opportunity... Frequently Nick worked two shifts to keep the show on the road. He employed seven staff: a secretary, three press operators, two persons in service and bindery, and an apprentice.

Another move, and an unsuccessful partnership later, with an excellent record for quality product and exemplary service, he sold the business in 1989.

Under the new name "Vancouver Printers", Nick stayed on the payroll for another two years as Senior Advisor and Account Executive with Warren Campbell.

Immediately upon Nick's arrival in Canada, Outdoors activities took on an important role in his life. Some examples:

Aug. 6. 1960: Nick organized a successful Ice School on Mt. Baker and in the process retrieved lost skis and poles from a crevasse.

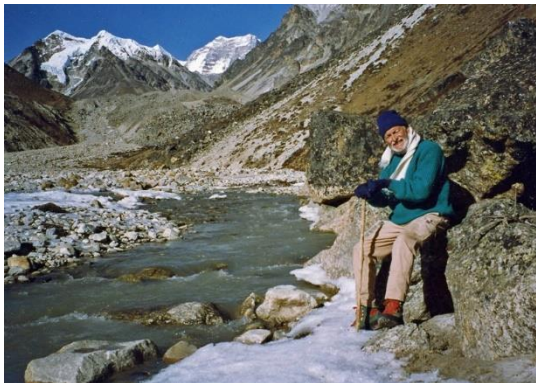
Aug. 21-27, 1962: Dad and I hiked from Hwy.20 up the Atnarko River to Lonesome Lake to visit John Edwards and family. Nick had read the book "Crusoe of Lonesome Lake" by Leland Stowe and decided to visit the homesteader. On the way out we visited Hunlen Falls.

March 12, 1963: "Garibaldi Lake ski trip. Overnight in the forest. No problem!"

July 27-28, 1963: A successful Rock School at Iota Basin above Lake Lovelywater.

In July and August of the same year he worked as a volunteer with a crew of Alpine Club members on their cabin site in Whistler.

In 1982 and then again in 1984 he took off for a vacation in Hawaii to enjoy the Outdoors in paradise; i.e., camping along the Hawaiian beaches.



Three times Nick joined alpinists for their trek in the Himalayas: in 1985 it's "Annapurna-Tilico", in 1989 "Everest", and in 1992 "Kanchenjunga". Hiking at the 4000 m level challenged Nick! A proud photo of him with his Sherpa still hangs in the ski cabin of the the Swiss Outdoors Club in Glacier Springs, WA. Later in life right up into his 90ies, leisurely hikes to Mt. Seymour Peak and Mystery Lake alone or together with friends became a way of keeping fit and mobile. An attitude to be admired!

In the early 70's, son Chris came to Vancouver. He was a chef and opened his own restaurant, "Casa Mia". It meant a lot to dad, because the two of us who had come to Canada with him in 1959, had since returned to Switzerland. Dad sold the house "with the Paradise Garden" on Lillooet Rd. and moved to town.

In 1988 son Chris returned to the old country, but Stefan came back to BC with his wife and three daughters, and settled first in Kaslo and then in Nelson. Later the following year Nick bought us a home in Harrop.

In all these years it was all about the business, hikes in nature, the challenges of the mountains, and active social life with the Swiss Community in Vancouver that occupied Nick's life. There was also Scientology, Amway, Toastmasters, Lifespring, Context and "Writing from the Heart", among other pursuits in self development and social outreach.

Nick took special pride in his volunteer work for the Swiss Society of Vancouver (SSV):

- In 1976 he joined the SSV, became a Director on the Board and took on the Editorship of the Swiss Herald. For about two decades he looked after the Swiss Herald and with his team turned it into a well-liked and admired Magazine. The work involved collection of Society information and photographs, editing and formatting, printing, and distribution.
- in the Swiss Outdoors Club he served many years on the Executive, helped planning and leading hikes , and as long as he could he assisted in the maintenance of the Glacier Springs ski cabin in Washington.
- At the annual Waldweihnacht on Mt. Seymour Nick took great pleasure in playing Santa Claus, in full regalia, to the great delight of the youngsters. They weren't scared of him!
- At the Swiss National Day celebrations at the Swiss-Canadian Mountain Range he delighted in leading the children's lampion parade, dressed up in a full, bright red Swiss Herald costume.
- At the European Festivals in Burnaby Nick was a welcome participant. He delighted the crowds with his Swiss Herald costume carrying the Swiss Flag.

In recent years Nick resumed more frequent visits to Switzerland, to re-acquaint himself with family, extended family and many old friends. He revisited old haunts and attended several reunions of his military unit.

He enjoyed trips to Stonehenge with his last lady love, Christa, an Alaska Cruise and to the town of Werther in Westphalia, in quest of the origin of his name.

He participated in our family life in Nelson, and undertook an annual roundtrip: Nelson, Slocan, Kelowna, Pemberton, Vancouver, visiting friends.



**Photo: Rolf Eipper**

In 2012, he announced he had enough preparing his own meals and doing housework. So he sold his apartment in Kitsilano and moved to Chelsea Park Residences, a Seniors' place in Vancouver.

But his heart was getting a bit worn out, and in January of this year (2014) he joined me in Nelson. During a short stay at our local hospital, he asked me for his jacket, wallet and keys, and on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in the first hour, he departed on the "Big Trek".

Here's Nicks favorite prayer/poem:

*November morning, grey and wet,  
Enshroudest my heart, my soul, --and yet  
My spirit is soaring above it all;  
Makes me feel happy, free and tall.*

*Power of spirit, power of God,  
Flow upward through my spinal rod,  
Strengthen, and make me feel divine,  
The power of God, -- on top of my  
spine! (1995)*



Stefan Schwabe, Nelson/BC  
August 2014

## **Celebration of Life for Nick Schwabe:** Saturday, October 18th, 2014

It will consist of two parts:

- 1. Hike to Mystery Lake on Mt Seymour.** We'll honor Nick at his favorite spot for quiet contemplation .  
1:00 pm: Meet at the far end of Mt Seymour parking lot and ascend to Mystery Lake; 1.2 km distance along a forest trail , 120 m altitude gain.  
1.45 pm: arrive at Mystery Lake, spread Nick's ashes and some flowers, a toast and perhaps a song or two.  
2.30 pm: descend to parking lot  
Participants should wear good walking/hiking shoes and perhaps some rain gear.

- 2. Official Reception** (Courtesy of Nick (Nick's estate) Location: Holiday Inn, 700 Old Lillooet Road, North Vancouver / BC

- 3.30 pm: door opens  
4.00 pm: Tributes to Nick: Anyone is welcome to recount personal experiences with Nick  
4.45 pm: Light meals and refreshments. End: 6:00 pm.

**Reservations:** In order to plan properly, we would like to have an idea how many people will participate at the two events. If you can, please indicate by end of August that you will attend:

**A:** The hike to Mystery Lake **and/or** **B:** the Reception at the Holiday Inn.

Reserve with :

Joe Mueller: e-mail: [josefmueller@shaw.ca](mailto:josefmueller@shaw.ca) Tel #: 604 732 6213 or

Stefan Schwabe: e-mail: [steffschwabe@gmail.com](mailto:steffschwabe@gmail.com) Tel #: 1 250 354 1675



# Swiss National Day Celebration

Dear friends;

Attached are some pictures of our Swiss National Day Celebration on Saturday, [July 26th](#) 2014 at the Swiss Chalet in Coquitlam BC. The Swiss day was very well organized with good food, drinks, speeches, children



activities and the performance by the Vancouver Dorfmusik. I had the privilege to lead the children in the lampion parade with the Swiss Herald costume. What a beautiful picture it was to see all the children with the different Swiss Canton lampions, walking to life marching-music! Thanks to the Members of the Mountain Range for preparing the beautiful property and chalet! It looked splendid!

**Urs & Juliet Fricker created a short movie about the Swiss National Day Celebration on [July 26<sup>th</sup>](#), 2014:**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnLshSdukkQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnLshSdukkQ) Report and Photos: Alfred Eigenmann





## **Seniors' Section**

Werner Rutishauser: 604 929-6923 or [seniors@swiss-society.org](mailto:seniors@swiss-society.org)

Membership: Susanne Wilson: 604 888-6949 or [membership@swiss-society.ca](mailto:membership@swiss-society.ca)

## **Filmnachmittage fuer Senioren**

*For Swiss members who are 55+*

### **Next Movie Afternoon:**

#### **im Deutschen Haus**

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

Kosten: Kaffee und Kuchen

Zeit: zwischen 2 und 5 Uhr am Nachmittag

### **Future Movie-Afternoons:**

**2014; October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014; November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

(Aenderungen der Daten vorbehalten)

**Please note:** The date of the October Movie afternoon has been changed due to Thanksgiving long-weekend. It will be

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**



"What about this one Mavis, just right for ramming people with"



**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 the 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 the 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**

## **Swiss Choir Section**

There aren't enough words to explain how much we all have enjoyed our four days at the 28th Pacific Coast Swiss Singing & Yodeling in Tacoma Washington USA. Attached I have found a report in **"THE NEWS TRIBUNE"** Newspaper of July 11th 2014 about the Sängerfest 2014. Please just read the very interesting report about it.

The President of this event, Greg Vesey and all those who supported him, have done an excellent job in everything, for which we all are very thankful. It was very well organized and many Swiss Societies can learn from it. The weather was very nice and hot, but there was enough beer, wine, soft drinks and water available at the beautiful Swiss Park on Saturday.





What a nice park they have, and all the volunteers who are supporting that park. Personally, I really liked the Alpaufzug (Cattle drive) on [Saturday](#), just look at the attached pictures I have taken. Like always, I became a bit home sick of my old country Switzerland. I could mentioned so much more, but it would take too much reading and explaining in words, in how much we have enjoyed the four day's event. All we can say now, **thank you Greg Vesey and to all who where involved and have supported you in that unforgettable event.**







The next Sngerfest will be in Ripon-California. [http://www.yelp.ca/biz\\_photos/san-joaquin-valley-swiss-club-ripon#KwTTRsXd1-qhdSOrYDZiKg](http://www.yelp.ca/biz_photos/san-joaquin-valley-swiss-club-ripon#KwTTRsXd1-qhdSOrYDZiKg)

**Report and Photos: Alfred Eigenmann**

*Sprueche aus dem Kindergarten:*

*Sandra: "Waemmer nuet vorhaend goemmer meischtens furt."*



# Swiss Outdoor Club

## 2014 Event Highlights

### Saturday, September 6: Hike to Hollyburn Mountain

In this continuing summer weather we'll take a trip to a high elevation with a great view over the Lower Mainland and the Coast. The trail to the Hollyburn Peak (elevation 1326 m) has mostly a gentle grade through a variation of forest and open terrain but there are rough parts over rocks, roots and mud.

Distance one way: 4.5 km

Elevation gain: 420 m

Total time: Approximately 3 hours (longer when long rest on the peak)

Meeting Place: At the trail head on the road to the Nordic Ski Area near km 13 of the road to Cypress Mountain.

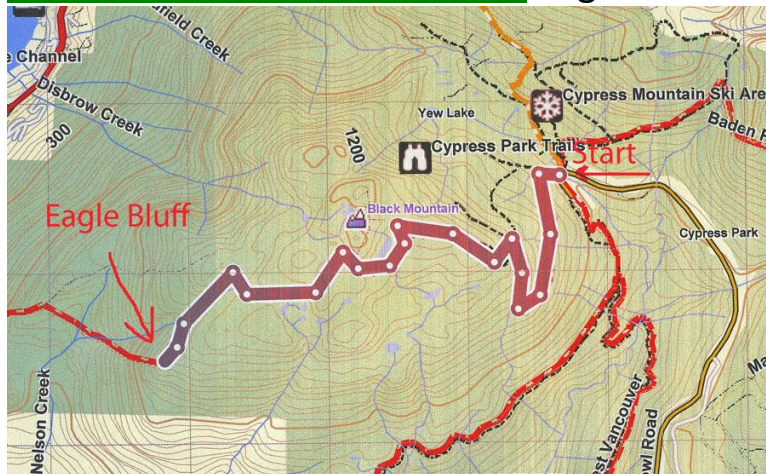
Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Contact and leader: Peter Schaerer; telephone 604-987-3716; e-mail: [pschar@shaw.ca](mailto:pschar@shaw.ca)

The hike would be cancelled if dense clouds should cover the North Shore Mountains.

### September 27/28<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Cabin Weekend

### Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Eagle Bluffs Hike



#### [Sprueche aus dem Kindergarten](#)

*Wir hoerten in der Geschichte von "Peter und der Wolf", dass der Wolf die Ente aufgefressen hat. Die Kinder sind traurig und geschockt, einige haben Traenen in den Augen.*

*Martin ganz trocken (Bauernsohn): Villicht isches ja en Alti gsii!*

We meet **10 am** at the far north parking lot of Cypress Bowl (near ski lift), hike up to Black Mountain ( an aerobic exercise ! ) and then amble westwards along forest trails to Eagle Bluffs. Enjoy the panoramic view!  
 Bring lunch ( and rain gear if necessary ).  
 Distance: 10 km  
 Total time: 5-6 hours  
 Difficulty: medium  
 Trip duration: 5 - 6 hours  
 Difficulty: medium  
 Reserve with your trip leader, **Joe Mueller**, at Tel # **604-732-6213** e-mail: [josefmueller@shaw.ca](mailto:josefmueller@shaw.ca)



**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** : Nick Schwabe Memorial

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**: Minnekahda Hike and Metzgete

**Sunday, November 02<sup>nd</sup>**: Jass Tournament

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**: Outdoors Club Executive Meeting

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**: Waldweihnacht

**30 December 30<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>** : New Years at Cabin

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

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## Vancouver Dorfmusik

We finished our season August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Kitsilano Showboat. We had a big audience and everyone stayed until the end of the concert!



## Upcoming Events

Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Hike to Hollyburn Mountain	Outdoors Club
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014		
Sept. 27-28 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Fall Cabin Weekend and Hike to Ptarmigan Ridge	Outdoors Club
<b><u>Oct. 5<sup>th</sup></u></b> , 2014 2-5pm	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
	Christmas Luncheon	Seniors
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Eagle Bluffs Hike	Outdoors Club
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Executive Meeting	Swiss Society Board
Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Mennekahda Hike and Metzgete	Outdoors Club
Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014	Jass Tournament	Outdoors Club
Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Executive Meeting	Outdoors Club
Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2014	Waldweihnacht at Mount Seymour	Swiss Society
Dec. 30 to Jan.1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	New Years at the Cabin	Outdoors Club
Jan. 10-11 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Ski Weekend at Glacier Cabin	Outdoors Club



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20<sup>th</sup> of August, October, December,  
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Ad Size	One Issue	Six Issues
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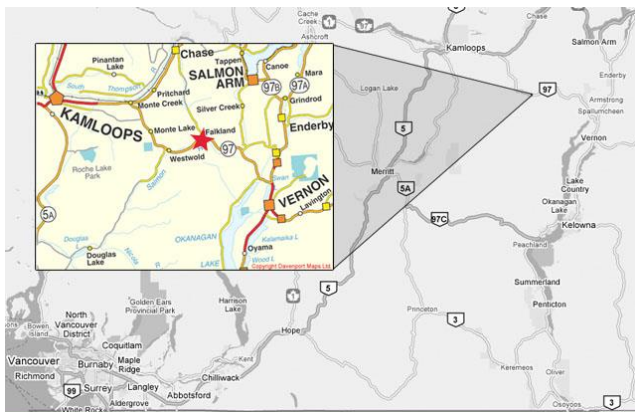
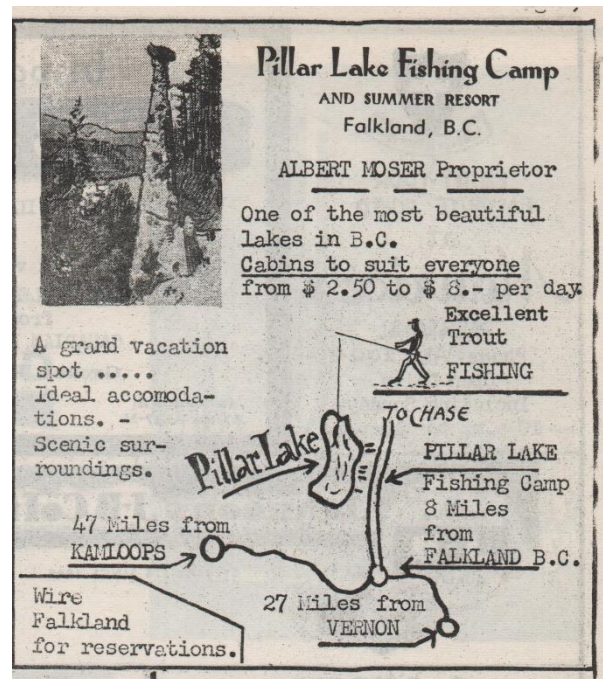
Written by the editor Christina Lips

When I looked through the old Heralds of the 1950's, I noticed an advertisement that was showing up in many issues over the years. Curiosity struck and I looked it up on Google. I was excited to find it under “Pillar Lake Resort”. Right away I dialed the phone number and talked to Martha, the lady whose been managing it since 9 years.

We had an interesting conversation and she knew the history well of the Pillar Lake Fishing Camp, now Resort.

Albert Moser was the owner until he retired 1965. During the time at the Pillar Lake his first wife died and he married Louise Moser.

She recently died at the age of 103! That fresh air at the lake when she was young must have put some magic into her health!

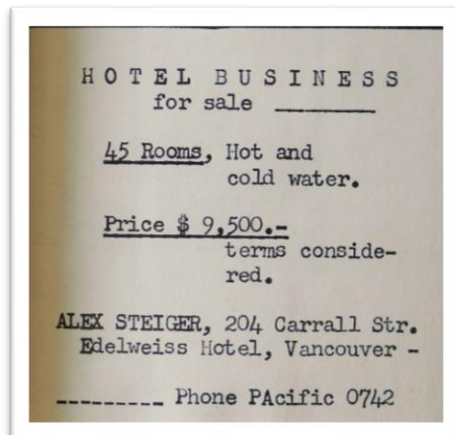


Now the resort is open all year round and the prizes to rent a cabin vary from \$ 78 to \$ 138 per night for two people. You can log in to their website for more information. [www.pillarlake.com](http://www.pillarlake.com)

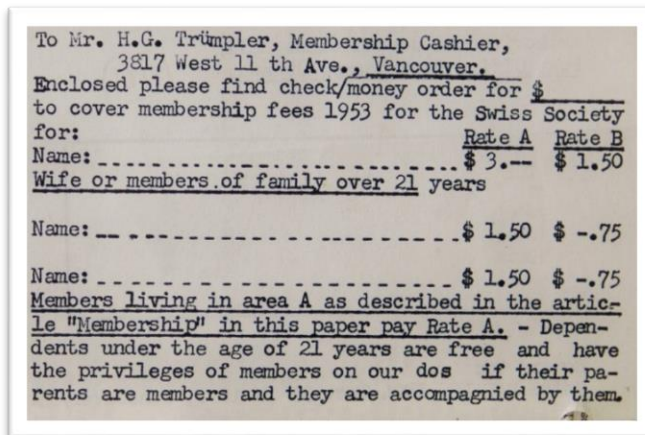




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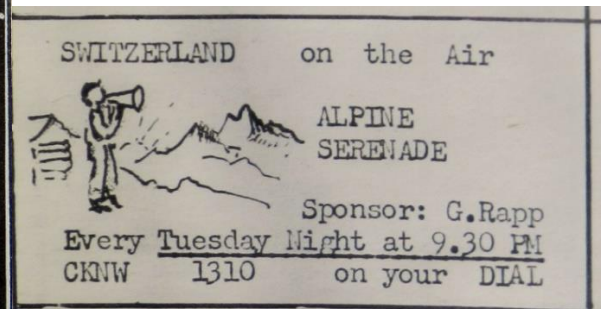
Membership fees in 1953:



I love this advertisement:



Swiss Music on CKNW:



*Before I immigrated to Canada I was a Kindergarten Teacher in Unterengstringen and Rueti. I collected lots of sayings by those 5 and 6 year-olds and will post them when there is enough space. Sorry, they are in Swiss German!*

**Karolin: "Mini Cusine haet am Sunntig Komfarmaxion. Die haet a Chatz, wo nu zwei Jahr juenger isch als sii. Daenn wird si i zwei Jahr au komfirmixiert."**

**Katrin: "Es git sones Mikrofon oder wie das gheisst, womer cha dureluege und daenn gseht mer dae Draeck im Schnee."**

**Peter: "Mir haend ganz vill Gaelt dihei, alles 5-liber."**

**The Consulate General of Switzerland invites you to a**

**Screening of the film *Der Weiss Code* by Werner Aellen and Reinhard Manz**

**[German with English Subtitles) 54 min.]**

Venue: MacMillan Space Centre

1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver

followed by a Q & A with the director and a Reception

on **Tuesday, September 9th 2014 at 6:30 pm**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Free Entrance

## **Swiss Quiz: How well do you know Switzerland?**

1: How many chocolate companies are in Switzerland?

**A: 8                      B: 12                      C: 18**

2: Name three former villages that are now reservoirs for dams.

3: Which other country than Switzerland has one of the most cannabis use in the world?

**A: US & Britain                      B: Netherlands                      C: Brazil**

4: In 2013, what was the top selling car in Switzerland?

**A: BMW                      B: Toyota                      C: Volkswagen/Audi**

5: What's the highest mountain in Switzerland?

**A: Matterhorn                      B: Eiger                      C: Dufourspitze**

6: How many liters of wine did the average Swiss person drink in 2012?

**A: 26 l                      B: 36 l                      C: 46 l**

7: What's the name of the "healthiest pop" in Switzerland?

**A: Rivella                      B: Orangina                      C: Elmer Zitro**

8: What's the most common name in Switzerland?

**A: Meier                      B: Mueller                      C: Schmid**

9: What's the most famous children's book from Switzerland?

**A: Pippi Longstocking                      B: Schellen-Ursli                      C: Heidi**

10: Which famous Swiss artist made very tall and thin sculptures?

**A: Ferdinand Hodler                      B: Alois Carigiet                      C: Alberto Giacometti**



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## Answers from Swiss-Quiz

1. **18 Swiss chocolate companies** made 172,376 tonnes of chocolate in 2012.
2. Sihlsee Area, Marmorera (GR), Zervreila (GR), Innerthal (SZ), Vogorno (TI), Goescheneralp (UR), Emosson (Wallis)
3. Switzerland has one of the highest rates of cannabis use in the world, along with the **US and Britain**. It's estimated that about 600,000 users get through 100 tonnes of hash and marijuana each year.
4. In 2013, Volkswagen and Audi were the top-selling car manufacturers in Switzerland, with the VW Golf the most popular model.
5. There are 208 mountains over 3,000m high, with 24 of them over 4,000m. The highest is Monte Rosa (*Dufourspitz*) at 4,634m, situated on the Swiss/Italian border.
6. In 2012, the Swiss downed 56.5 litres of beer and **36 litres** of wine per person. A lot of the latter is homegrown – only about 2 percent of Swiss wine leaves the country.
7. **Rivella**, the popular Swiss fizzy drink, is made from 35% milk serum.
8. The most common Swiss **surname** is **Müller**.
9. **“Heidi”**, written by Johanna Spyri
10. **Alberto Giacometti** was a Swiss sculptor, painter, draughtsman and printmaker.