



SWISS HERALD

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Chalandamarz is an ancient tradition and festival that is celebrated by the Romansh speaking part of the Swiss Canton Graubünden. It is celebrated on the first of March and marks the end of winter and the arrival of spring. Girls wear their beautiful Endgadin costumes and participate often as spectators only. The boys shake the bells, crack their whips and make their way around fountains, through the

village lanes and wander from house to house.

Together, they sing **typical Chalandamarz songs**, conducted by an older child. The custom though that only boys are allowed in the parade, dissolves slowly and in more and more villages, girls join the boys in ringing the bells.

SWISS SOCIETY OF VANCOUVER



Dear Members, you are cordially invited to attend the

2018 Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society of Vancouver

to be held on

*Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00pm at the
Edmonds Community Centre, 7433 Edmonds St, Burnaby*
Underground parking entrance is off of Fulton Ave or Humphries Ave, take
elevator to 2nd floor.

All members are graciously invited to participate. We will need a
Quorum to pass any decisions.

Nominations for board positions (especially vice president and
secretary) can be submitted to the board. We are looking forward to
new participants to serve.

Contribution for social gathering:

SSV supplies sandwiches, coffee, tea.
Need from the membership: Desserts or Nachspeisen.
Sincerely, SSV Board



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Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver

INVITATION

to all Members of the Swiss Society of Vancouver:

The Consulate General of Switzerland

invites you to a presentation of its documentary film

Swiss Guides in the Canadian Rockies

followed by some short movies produced
in Switzerland by the SRF.

Coffee, tea and cake will be offered.

This event takes place on

Sunday, March 25th, 2018

2:00 pm at the **Vancouver Alpen Club**
(Jaegerstube, ground floor)
4875 Victoria Drive (at 33rd Avenue)
Vancouver, BC

in conjunction with the Sunday afternoon movies organized regularly by the
Seniors' Section of the Swiss Society.

To allow us to order enough cake for everyone, please register by
Friday, March 16, 2018, by phoning

either Veronika Sans: **604-730.9781**
or Elisabeth Schuepbach: **604-584.3742**

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES

Since 2002, the Seniors of the Swiss Society of Vancouver have been organizing these events seven times a year at the Vancouver Alpen Club (German House). We watch a movie together and enjoy talking to old friends over coffee and cake.

We show mostly films produced in Switzerland, the famous old Swiss classics, dramas and comedies, and the successful more recent and brand new Swiss productions, occasionally also an operetta.

We are all getting older. Several of our faithful members have passed on, among them Joe Mueller who was our expert on video and DVD projectors. Others are no longer well enough to attend or have stopped driving. The attendance numbers are going down.

We would like to continue with these events and are therefore extending an invitation to you, **all members of the Swiss Society** – at least the ones who understand some Swiss German – to join us on a Sunday afternoon at the Vancouver Alpen Club, to get **introduced** or re-introduced to the **Swiss film culture**, famous actors, history and traditions, and to have a chance to talk to and get to know more of your local compatriots. We would also be happy to find some new volunteers to help with the projection.

The dates and contact numbers can always be found in the Swiss Herald. Our next event, on March 25, 2018, will be sponsored by the Consulate General of Switzerland (see separate invitation). The subsequent dates are April 29th and May 27th, at 2 p.m. After the summer holidays, we will meet again on October 14th and November 18th at 2:00 p.m.

For reservations please phone (preferably by the preceding Monday), either Veronika Sans 604-730.9781, or Elisabeth Schuepbach 604-584.3742.

Werner Rutishauser Seniors Chairperson SSV

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

JOIN THE VANCOUVER SWISS CHOIR!

- No audition.
- New voices and all nationalities welcome!
- Join a mixed choir of all ages and voices.
- We sing multilingual traditional Swiss Folk music - no previous German needed.
- Beginners are encouraged to join us!



NEW CONDUCTOR DR. SERGIO PIRES

**SOPRANO
ALTO
BASS or TENOR?**

**kommen sie einfach
vorbei!**

2018 EVENTS

- May: European Festival performance
- June: Spring Concert
- Aug: Swiss National Day performance
- Christmas performances
- Prep for Pacific Coast Singing Camp &
- Yodel Festival 2020 in LA

Contact Rolf to find out more:
P: (604) 710-7653
E: rbrulhart@gmail.com

**VANCOUVER SWISS CHOIR
EST. 1966**

CHOIR SECTION

Written by the Choir President Silvia Kinvig

Feb 27th, 2018

We have good news from the Vancouver Swiss Choir. We are up and practicing again. We had a bit of a longer Christmas break than usual because not only did we have to find a new conductor but we were also looking for a new venue. Now we are practicing in New Westminster. With the new start our choir has grown again and we hope to keep on growing.

If anybody is interested, please come and join us, not only do we produce a quality sound but we also have fun. Do not hesitate to contact me at silkin56@hotmail.com.

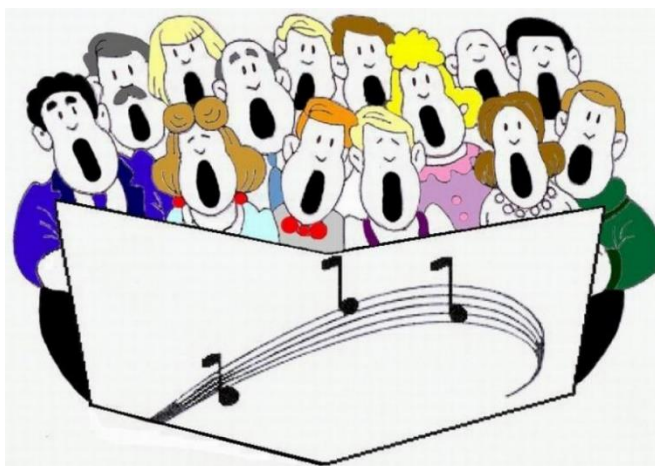
The Vancouver Swiss Choir would like to thank Rolf Bruehlhart for the work he has done to find a new conductor.

With all those new changes we do have some growing pains. We have to get used to our new conductor and he has to get used to us and our repertoire. It might take some adjustment but we are off to a good start.

You can look forward to fun entertainment and quality concerts in the future.

I would like to introduce our conductor:

Sergio Pires has a doctoral degree in choral conducting from Boston University, a master's degree in Musicology from the Brazilian Conservatory of Music and conducts the German Concordia Choir at present. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the job. We are all looking forward to working with him.



Sergio Pires from the Website of the Concordia Choir

Vancouver

Conductor

Sergio Pires has a doctoral degree in choral conducting from Boston University, a master's degree in Musicology from the Brazilian Conservatory of Music and a Licentiate's degree in Music Education from the Federal University of State of Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO). He studied conducting with Carlos Alberto Figueiredo in Brazil and with Ann Howard Jones, David Hoose and Daniel Moe in the United States. He also attended several workshops with renowned international conductors. Between 1990 e 1995 Dr. Pires conducted the ensemble *Brasil Barroco Choir and Orchestra* which focused on music from eighteenth century Brazilian composers. He also conducted the Merck Chorale and the Chamber Choir of School of Music Villa-Lobos. From 1997 to 2010, he was a tenured professor of choral conducting at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) where he conducted the school of music's chamber choir and co-directed the university Symphony Choir, as well as other choral ensembles. He also taught conducting and musicology seminars, developed research projects on Brazilian choral music and advised a number of undergraduate and graduate students. He immigrated to Canada in 2010 and lives in Burnaby with his wife Kathleen and son Claudio.



OUTDOORS CLUB

AGM 2018



After reviewing 2017, a difficult time for the club, but not impossible, we thanked Jacques for his support the past few years and we welcome the future; a new executive board was elected and presented the new vision.

As we know, the Outdoors Club celebrated 40 years of being founded and the new president Brian Hauser greeted **Andres Schneider, Ursi Graf and Beat Joehl**, as the first executive board members, with a special gift, a small fondue bowl

with skis, that can be used for snacks or dipping.

The New Executive Board:

- **Brian Hauser** – President – brianhauser_29@hotmail.com or swissoutdoorsevents@gmail.com
- **Pascal Vogel** – Vice President – pvogel@shaw.ca
- **Natalie Charlton** – Secretary and Reservations Manager – ssvoutdoorsclub@gmail.com
- **Abril Hauser** – Treasurer and Social Media – abril.vitaliana@shaw.ca
- **Susanne Wilson** – Membership Chair
- **Jacques Goldschmidt , Irma Bieri and Peter Schälle** – Advisors
- **Andres Schneiter and Erika Humbel** – Auditors
- **Hans Peter Hauser and Jacques Goldschmidt** – Cabin Maintenance

Cabin Rates:

It was decided an **increase on the cabin rental rates**, individual rates only, effective starting April 1st, 2018. Group rates stay the same:

Individual Rates			
Outdoors Club Members	\$20.00		Per night
Swiss society members only	\$25.00		Per night
Non-members	\$30.00		Per night
Children and youth (6-16)	50% adult rate		Per night
Kids (0-5)	free		
Whole cabin	Weekend	Midweek	
Winter Rate	\$480.00	\$400.00	For 2 nights
(Nov – Mar)	\$200.00	\$150.00	Extra night
	\$280.00	\$250.00	1 night only
Summer Rates	\$380.00	\$300.00	For 2 nights
(Apr – Oct)	\$130.00	\$100.00	Extra night
	\$250.00	\$200	1 night only

We are happy to announce that **we have Wi-Fi at the cabin** now so you can keep in contact with your friends and family, and you are not so isolated. If you are on social media don't forget to snap a photo at the cabin or any of our events, post it on Facebook and/or Instagram with the #SwissOutdoorsClubBC, the one with more likes and shares, can win a prize at the end of the year!

If you are not in social media, please share the pictures with us by email, you can win a prize too!

Events Calendar:

The Swiss Outdoors Club invites you to join us in the events we have planned for this year. If you have more information or confirm your attendance please contact: swissoutdoorsevents@gmail.com or 778-255-0027. Please feel free to invite your friends and family. We will be sending detailed information prior to each event.

March 2018			
Friday 16th	Executive board meeting	Balkanika Restaurant, Maple Ridge	06:00 p.m.
Sunday 18th	Bird Watching Hike	Reifel Bird Sanctuary, Westham Island Delta	12:00 p.m.
A minimum of 15 participants are required for this activity to get a tour guide, they will show us the Museum, and a brief explanation of what birds to expect in this season. Be prepared with rain gear, binoculars and bird books (if you own one). Adults \$5 per person for the entrance, Seniors (60+) and children (2-14) \$3 per person. This is an easy hike, elevation: minimal, duration: 1.5 to 2 hrs return.			
April 2018			
Sunday 1st	Easter egg hunting	Glacier Springs Cabin	12:00 p.m.
If you still don't have plans for the Easter holidays, don't miss this amazing weekend at our Glacier Springs Cabin, we have special promotions if you are staying at the cabin before or after the event, kids 6-16 stay for free! Bring your friends and hunt all the eggs the Easter bunny left for you. Confirmation of participation needed in order to have enough for all kids. Book your stay and secure your place.			
Sunday 29th	Mini soccer Tournament	Town Centre, Coquitlam	09:00 a.m.
This is open for everybody interested to be part of the Swiss Outdoors Soccer Team, for ladies and gentleman (mixed team) age 16+. Team must be at least 6 players. Please confirm your participation in order to send you the waiver and have your size for your shirt. If you don't play, we would love to have cheerleaders!			

May 2018			
Saturday 12th	Mother's day fondue dinner	Burnaby Association for community inclusion – Cafeteria Price per person \$20 member And \$25 non-members For reservations contact: swissoutdoorsevents@gmail.com or call 778-255-0027	06:00 p.m.
Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th	Hike and camping trip	Golden Ears, Maple Ridge	TBD

Fundraising:

We are making these shirts in order to raise money to offset the increasing costs of the cabin. If you are interested to have yours, let us know model and sizes, this information is needed by March 23rd, 2018. : In order to have all your orders together, please confirm size and script to the following email or call 778-255-0027.

Payment methods: by e-transfer (email swissoutdoorsevents@gmail.com) or cheque to Swiss Outdoors Club sent to our regular address: PO Box 32021 Walnut Grove, Langley BC. V1M 2M3 They can be picked up at the events we have planned, or can be delivered to your address with an extra charge (according to quantity and Postal Code).

Prices: Adults (men or ladies) **\$20.00** (sizes XS, S, M, L, XL)

Children (size 4 to 14) **\$15.00**

Available scripts: If you are not crashing, you are not skiing
 Keep calm and say Chuchichäschtli
 Hike more, worry less
 Enjoy life, play outside



VANCOUVER DORFMUSIK



33RD ANNUAL CONCERT

VANCOUVER



DORFMUSIK

Saturday, April 7, 2018

8:00 p.m.

Food and Bar Service

Adults \$20

Vancouver Alpen Club

4875 Victoria Drive, Vancouver

Doors Open @ 7:00 p.m.

Juniors \$10

Tickets at the door or call 604-274-0802

A BENEFIT CONCERT featuring the **Vancouver Dorfmusik** will be held at **All Saints Anglican Church in Burnaby** on **April 21, 2018 at 7 pm.** Funds from the concert will be used to support the work of the church and outreach programs. The church is located at **7405 - Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby** (close to the Royal Oak sky-train station). Refreshments will be served during the intermission and parking is available close to the church. For additional information call the church office at 604-433-0815.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2018

2018 SSV / Outdoors Club / Choir MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL **by Mar. 31, 2018**

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Society of Vancouver in the past. It is time for the 2018 renewal.

Members who filled out the new Membership / Liability form for the 2017 SSV membership can send in the membership payment only (no form necessary).

If you did not renew in 2017 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 me an e-mail.

If you don't know if your membership form is current please call 604-888-6949 or e-mail me at membership@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	\$ 80.00
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If you miss sending in the payment by the Mar. 31. 2018 deadline, I would need a new form filled out, because it lapsed and the liability has expired. There is an updated form available on-line at the SSV website under "membership", or call me, then I'll can send one.

Also, if anything changes in your membership status or there is a change of address, a new form is required. (new senior?)

If you receive the Herald by mail and you do have an e-mail account, you might want to consider making a donation of \$ 20.00 to cover the printing and mailing cost of the Herald. The SSV would really appreciate this gesture.

Please get in touch with me, if there are any other questions.

Sincerely, **Susanne Wilson**, SSV; Outdoors Club & Choir Membership chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12, 2018	AGM at the Edmonds Community Centre in Burnaby	SSV
March 16, 2018	Executive Board Meeting	OC
March 18, 2018	Bird Watching Hike	OC
March 25, 2018	Film Nachmittag	Seniors
April 1, 2018	Easter Egg Hunt	OC
April 7, 2018	Annual Concert	Vancouver Dorfmusik
April 16, 2018	Executive Meeting	SSV
April 29, 2018	Mini Soccer Tournament	OC
April 29, 2018	Film Nachmittag	Seniors
May 12, 2018	Mother's Day Fondue Dinner	OC
May 14, 2018	Executive Meeting	SSV
May 26/27, 2018	Hike and Camping Trip	OC
May 26/27, 2018	European Festival	SSV
May 27, 2018	Film Nachmittag	Seniors



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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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SWITZERLAND TRIVIA QUIZ (www.TriviaChamp.com)

1. **What is the largest lake in Switzerland?**
a. Lake Constance b. Lake Geneva c. Lake Thun d. Lake Maggiore
2. **Which 1515 battle ended the so-called heroic epoch of Swiss history?**
a. Battle of Calven b. Battle of Sempach c. Battle of Nefels d. Battle of Marignano
3. **What is the largest canton of Switzerland?**
a. Jura b. Valais c. Graubunden d. Bern
4. **Andreas Vollenweider is a Swiss famous for playing which musical instrument?**
a. Guitar b. Harp c. Piano d. Accordion
5. **Name the longest river that is entirely in Switzerland.**
a. Aare b. Rhone c. Inn d. Thur
6. **The Palace of Nations, the second biggest centre for the United Nations after New York, is in which Swiss city?**
a. Lausanne b. Zurich c. Chur d. Geneva
7. **Host to the World Economic Forum, which Swiss city is the highest city in Europe?**
a. Davos b. Chur c. St. Gallen d. La Chaux-de-Fonds
8. **What is the biggest university in Switzerland?**
a. University of Lausanne b. University of Zurich c. University of Geneva d. University of Basel
9. **Which Swiss physicist designed the bathyscaphe?**
a. Heinrich Rohrer b. Felix Bloch c. Jack Steinberger d. Auguste Piccard
10. **Also known as Swiss wrestling, what is the name for this style of folk wrestling native to Switzerland?**
a. Hornussen b. Steinstossen c. Gallen d. Schwingen
11. **Jacques Herzog, Pierre de Meuron and Peter Zumthor are Swiss famous in which field?**
a. Painting b. Music c. Architecture d. Economics
12. **Which of the following mountains located in Switzerland is the highest?**
a. Monte Rosa b. Nordend c. Signalkuppe d. Zumsteinspitze

Answers on the bottom of next page.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018

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Answers to the quiz on the previous page

1. Lake Geneva - Lac Léman is the customary name of the lake in French. 2. Battle of Marignano - The battle was fought in Italy and was a French victory. 3. Graubünden - Graubünden is home to three of Switzerland's ethnic groups and the subsequent languages of Swiss German, Italian and Romansh are all native to the state. 4. Harp - Vollenweider received the first New Age music Grammy for the 1986 album Down to the Moon. 5. Aare - Aare is about 183 miles in length. 6. Geneva - Switzerland did not become a member of the UN until 2002. 7. Davos - The World Economic Forum is an annual meeting of global political and business elites held in Davos, which has a population of around 11,000. 8. University of Zurich - Founded in 1833, it was the first university in Europe to be founded by the state rather than a monarch or church. 9. Auguste Piccard - Piccard was the inspiration for Professor Calculus in The Adventures of Tintin. 10. Schwingen - Wrestlers wear Schwingenhosen (wrestling breeches) with belts that are used for taking holds. 11. Architecture - Herzog and de Meuron won the Pritzker Prize in 2001 a year after converting the Bankside Power Station to the new home of Tate Modern. 12. Monte Rosa - Monte Rosa is 4634 meters high.