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In Memoriam:



Urs Meier

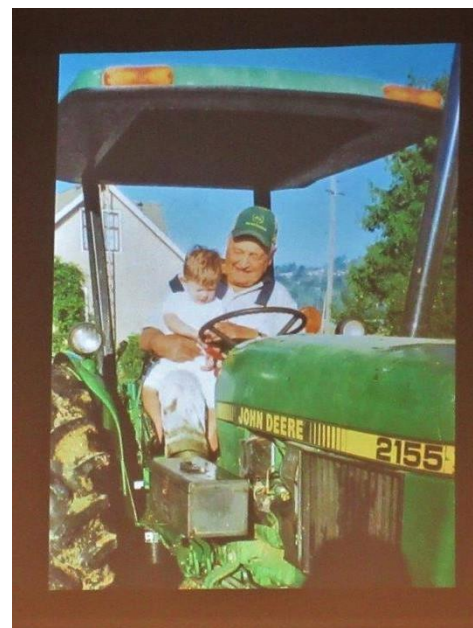
February 5, 1941 to
June 17, 2018



From the Obituary in the Vancouver Sun:

February 5, 1941 – June 17, 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Urs Meier of Sumas Prairie Abbotsford, at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Dorli, and their seven children Mike (Varley), Tony (Jimi), Chris (Erica), Barbara (Damian), Julie (Kelly), Karl (Chelsea), Rudi (Bekky) and 29 grandchildren. Urs was predeceased by his grandson Maxson and leaves behind three sisters in Switzerland: Martha, Barbara and Alice. Urs was born in Dintikon, Switzerland and immigrated to Canada in 1971. He spent his life establishing a successful dairy farm and was happiest on a tractor, tending his crops and at his kitchen table surrounded by his family members. He will be remembered for his integrity, legendary work ethic and generous spirit. We will all miss him and will remember him through many fond memories formed through a long life well lived.



Dear friends;

Many of us attended the Memorial Service for Urs Meier in Abbotsford. The place was filled with all the family members and friends. Since Urs' wife Dorli is a member of the Vancouver Swiss Choir, the choir sang two songs, especially for Dorli and the large Meier family. In the past I had the opportunity a few times to talk with Urs and I always could tell that he loved his family very much. He was a very good listener and a very proud Swiss. Since we know, that sooner or later we all

will leave this earth, we feel we will meet again in the place where there is no pain and sorrow. Urs, rest in peace; until we meet again.

Please, enjoy the attached pictures.

*Kind regards,
Alfred Eigenmann
Coquitlam, BC*



SENIORS' SECTION



Sunday Movie Afternoons will start in October again.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Senior's Christmas Luncheon will be in less than 5 months!

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2018 at the Executive Inn in Coquitlam.

NEW-NEW-NEW-NEW-NEW-NEW

**"Young" seniors 55+ are welcome to join the luncheon too.
Seniors 65+ will have a reduced price for the lunch.**



CHOIR SECTION

Vancouver Swiss Choir Spring Concert June 23rd, 2018



MC: Andrea Stolte



Photo Alfred Eigenmann

14 members of the Swiss Choir performed at their annual concert under the new direction of Dr. Sergio Pires. All four languages of Switzerland were included in their repertoire.

It was nice to hear voices in the different pitches again and the dynamics were very precise.

The members sang with enthusiasm and joy and the small audience applauded louder than expected.

Andrea Fluckiger's Naturjodel was very well received. She represented the Valley Girls alone because Dorli Meier was absent. Her husband Urs had passed a few days earlier and the audience showed its respect by a minute of silence.



Andrea Fluckiger after her solo.

Kim Hong Chul and Beat Heeb also played the alphorn together.



After the concert the conductor Sergio Pires had a speech and a few people received flowers for their dedication to the choir.

The presenter Erna Schaefer gave a bouquet to Silvia Kinvig, the choir's president.



Photos by Ch.Lips

Editor Christina Lips, the happy winner of a basket

Andrea Stolte had the volunteers come up and thanked them.

The gift-baskets were fabulous again, as well as all the baked goodies.

Thanks to the Choir and conductor for a very enjoyable concert.



July 1st 2018 A note from the choir's president Silvia Kinvig

As many of you know the choir held its annual Spring Concert on June 23rd.

This is the first time our new director Sergio Pires conducted our concert and with a great effort from all of us our concert was a success. We presented some new and some old favorite songs from Switzerland. To our delight our choir members Beat and Kimmi played the Alphorn and the Schwiizeroergeli, which gave the concert a nostalgic feeling. We do have to thank the ladies who baked a lot of goodies, especially the valley ladies who made their famous bread and Zopf again.

I just learned that we will perform some of the songs from the concert at the next Saengerfest in Pasadena in California in June 25th-28 2020.

We could have used a few more people in the audience; we will work on that for our next concert. Some suggestions came to have concerts in the afternoon since many of our guests in the audience do not drive at night anymore.

We will have a short Summer-break and a picnic at Alfred Eigenmann's house this year.

In September we will be hard at work for the Fall and Christmas season .

It would be a great pleasure to welcome you at one of our next performances.

You will be able to see and hear us at the following events:

July 28 th	National Day Celebration
Oct 27 th	Benefit concert for St Mary's Anglican Church
Nov.24 th	Christmas Concert
Dec 8 th	Seniors Luncheon

Trachten and Chuteli

To all our members who have a Tracht or a Chuteli from the choir: we would love to have them back. Please send us an e-mail if we need to pick it up. (silkin56@hotmail.com)

If there is someone who has a Tracht and no use for it anymore: Please donate it to the choir. We would appreciate it very much.

FIRST DIRECT FLIGHT WITH AIR CANADA FROM VANCOUVER TO ZURICH

On June 7th, 2018 we were invited to celebrate the first regular scheduled direct flight of Air Canada from Vancouver to Zurich, Switzerland.

For this event, members of the Swiss Society and Swiss Choir contributed to the festive celebration. The yodeling trio: Andrea, Dorli and Annemarie "The Valley Girls" were fantastic. The Alphorns and Schwyzeroergeli-Duet by Kimi and Beat was greatly appreciated by the travelers, that were booked on this first flight to Zurich.



Photos and Text by
Alfred Eigenmann



OUTDOORS CLUB



The Swiss Outdoors Club appreciates the participation of all our members in the events organized for you.

May 2018

Mother's day Fondue Dinner
Saturday 13th
Gobaci, Burnaby

An amazing night celebrating our mothers on their day. We want to thank the Hauser family that helped with the food, the Swiss Choir with their amazing performance with their new conductor Sergio Pires; it was so nice to meet you! Also thanks to Roesli Menzi with her beautiful accordion joined by Kimi for a few songs, and all of you who attended this event.

We enjoyed cheese fondue dinner with apple cider, and for dessert tasty "pain au chocolat" from Chez Christophe.

At the end of the night we had prizes for mom, edelweiss planters, homemade gomfi, and the special sponsored gift from Blue Moon Organics – a gift certificate for a bin full of fresh organic fruits and veggies.



Hike Golden Ears
Saturday 26th
Maple Ridge

For the first hike of the season we decided to go to Golden Ears Provincial Park. The main idea was to hike West Canyon Trail and Lower Falls Trails, but we ended up hiking the East Canyon Trail due to bad signing, but that gave us lots of amazing sights and adventures: steep hills, waterfalls and dogs jumping into the river. Thanks to the Kittel Family for joining us in this activity.

There were no reservations for camping so this part was cancelled.



June 2018

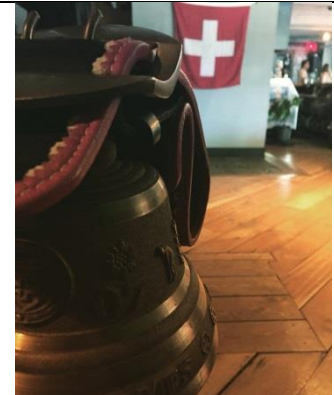
Cabin clean-up
Saturday 2nd
Glacier Springs Cabin

This time of the year again:
cleaning the cabin and getting it
perfect for all our members to
enjoy it.



Fathers' day Brunch &
Soccer World Cup
CH vs Brazil
Sunday 17th at
The Blenheim, Kitsilano,
Vancouver

We were very happy that for this
event we had more participants than
originally confirmed. It was amazing
to see all the people cheering for
Switzerland and everybody enjoying a
special Brunch menu at the
restaurant. Special thanks to Peter
Schalle for bringing all the cow bells
and making loud noise to intimidate
our Brazilian friends in the other half
of the restaurant.



Hike The Shannon Falls
Saturday 23rd
Squamish

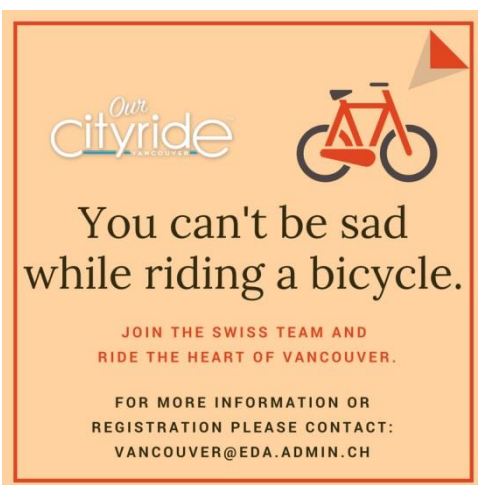
Cancelled due to lack of interest.
No participants registered.

Events Calendar:

The Swiss Outdoors Club invites you to join us in the events we have planned for this year. If you would like to get 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.

July 2018		
Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th	Summer hiking weekend <i>Glacier Springs Cabin</i>	
	<p>Join us for the weekend and enjoy the cabin during the summer; it is also exciting. There are several hiking trails with amazing views.</p> <p>Remember: every event held in the Cabin includes a cheese fondue dinner to be shared with all members staying overnight.</p> <p>In order to know how much cheese is needed we ask you to make a reservation. Please confirm by email: ssvoutdoorsclub@gmail.com.</p>	
Saturday 28th	Swiss National Day ("1. August") <i>SCMRA Coquitlam, BC</i>	<p>The Swiss Outdoors Club is in charge this year for the kids and youth activities. Bring your kids to have a blast during this celebration.</p>
<div>  </div>		<div> <div>Time</div> <div>Activity</div> </div> <div> <div>2:00 – 2:30 pm</div> <div>Bean bag toss</div> </div> <div> <div>2:30 – 3:00 pm</div> <div>Face painting (only Swiss flags)</div> </div> <div> <div>3:00 – 4:00 pm</div> <div>Bubble Ball (for kids age 9+)</div> </div> <div> <div>4:15 – 4:45 pm</div> <div>Coloring contest</div> </div> <div> <div>After sunset</div> <div>Lampion Parade: all kids are invited!</div> </div> <div>   </div>

August 2018		
Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd	Swiss National Day <i>Glacier Springs Cabin</i>	Festivities will start August 1 st around 2pm at the cabin. There will be Swiss crafts, a walk at 3 pm, Swiss board games and a fondue dinner. We will even have Swiss alphorn music playing in the background! For those staying overnight we will have Zopf for breakfast!
Saturday 25th	Poker Car Rally & Dinner <i>From Vancouver to Harrison Hot Springs</i>	Enjoy last days of the kids' summer vacation and go for a drive. We are bringing back the Car Rally! It is Family oriented, several stops where you will receive a card for poker and the chance for kids to answer a Quiz. At the end of the day we will meet at a restaurant for dinner and give away prizes! More details will be provided in future emails.



The Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver is putting together the Swiss team for the Our Cityride, there are only 25 spots available.

Ride the heart of Vancouver: around Gastown, Chinatown, Yaletown, West End, Stanley Park and Coal Harbour. This is a fun festival from 3 pm to 9 pm; Ride at 5 pm. August 18th, 2018.

For more information or if you are ready to register yourself as part of the Swiss team, please contact: vancouver@eda.admin.ch

Important information:

The Swiss Outdoors Club has detected several scam emails from unknown emails, some of them are asking to start an e-transfer, without explaining the reason or for what is for, normally they come signed as if it was by one of the Swiss Outdoors executive members. Please if you receive any of this first confirm the email who is coming from, the only reason we would be asking you to e-transfer is if you bought a T-shirt and there is a previous email conversation about and should come from the email: swissoutdoorsevents@gmail.com. If you are receiving those scam emails let us know as soon as possible and for the security of your inbox flag that email as Junk/Scam and Block.

SWISS NATIONAL CELEBRATION

The Swiss Society of Vancouver and its Clubs and Choir, the Swiss Mountain Range Association, Swiss Consulate in Vancouver and Swiss Canadian Chamber of Commerce invite everyone to our celebration Swiss National Day.



The 2018 Swiss National Day celebrations ("August 1st") will be held on **Saturday, July 28, at the Mountain Range Chalet at 4141 Quarry Road in Coquitlam. The gates will open at 1 pm.**

Entrance fee is \$10 for one adult; kids 18 and younger are free.

There will be activities for the kids, live performances by the Vancouver Swiss Choir and S-Bahn, and of course there will be the BBQ with Bratwurst and other yummy food. The singing of the Anthem and a Lampionumzug for the little ones will of course not be missing.


Please find the detailed program for more information. We hope for a sunny day and we look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers needed for National Day



The SCMRA is hosting the National Day on July 28 at the Chalet and the SSV is contributing to the event with kids activities and is in charge of the BBQ. We are looking for volunteers that are willing to take a shift for the kids event and/or the BBQ.

Please send an email to Aio Haberli at **webmaster@swiss-society.org** if you are interested in volunteering. Any help is greatly appreciated!

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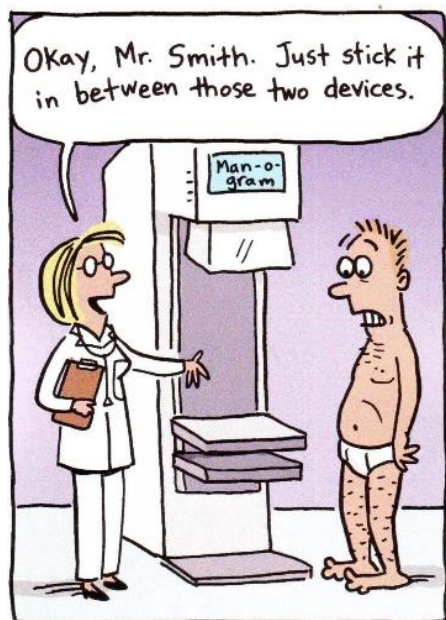
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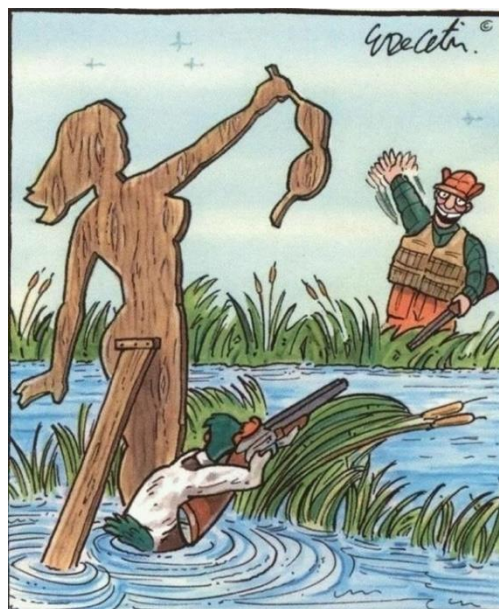
The Dorfmusik performed at the Ladner Bandfestival as well as at the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

Their last concert before the summer-break will be

Friday, July 20th 8pm at the Kitsilano Showboat. We hope to see some Swiss Fans there!



If Women Ran the World



A BIG THANK YOU from our Membership Chair Susanne Wilson

Being back from Switzerland, Susanne would like to thank all the members who voted at the AGM to have her acknowledged with the Honorary Membership.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14/15, 2018	Weekend and Hike at Glacier Springs	OC
July 16, 2018	Board Meeting	SSV
July 20, 2018	Kitsilano Showboat, evening	Vancouver Dorfmusik
July 28, 2018	Swiss National Day Celebration	MRA, SSV, Choir
August 1&2, 2018	First of August Celebration at Glacier Springs Cabin	OC
August 13, 2018	Board Meeting	SSV
August 25, 2018	Poker Car Rally and Dinner	OC
September 10, 2018	Board Meeting	SSV
October 27, 2018	Benefit Concert	Choir
November 24, 2018	Christmas Concert	Choir
December 8, 2018	Seniors Christmas Luncheon	Seniors



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From the website: www.cheese.com

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Cheese is nutritious food made mostly from the milk of cows but also other mammals, including sheep, goats, buffalo, reindeer, camels and yaks. Around 4000 years ago people have started to breed animals and process their milk. That's when the cheese was born. Explore this site to find out about different kinds of cheese from all around the world.

You can search the database of 1831 varieties of cheese by names, by country of origin, by kind of milk that is used to produce it, or by texture.

The database includes information on most famous sorts of cheese such as Cheddar, Camembert, Stilton or Parmesan, as well as rarities like Crottin de Chavignol.

Gammelost



Anari



Abbaye de Belval



SERVING AND STORAGE TIPS

Unpasteurised cheese with a range of flavours should not be sliced until purchase otherwise it will start to lose its subtlety and aroma.

Keep the cheese in conditions in which it matures. Hard, semi-hard and semi-soft cheeses are stored in the temperatures from around 8 - 13 C.

Keep the cheese wrapped in the waxed paper and place it in a loose-fitting food-bag not to lose humidity and maintain the circulation of air.

Wrap blue cheeses all over as mold spores spread readily not only to other cheeses but also to everything near.

Chilled cheeses should be taken out of the refrigerator one and a half or two hours before serving.

Cheeses contain living organisms that must not be cut off from air, yet it is important not to let a cheese dry out.

Do not store cheese with other strong-smelling foods. As a cheese breathes it will absorb other aromas and may spoil.

Wrap soft cheeses loosely. Use waxed or greaseproof paper rather than cling film.

Let cold cheese warm up for about half an hour before eating to allow the flavour and aroma to develop.

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