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Wheatonriver Wilderness Retreat

Photo by Helene Bazin

HAPPY 102. BIRTHDAY, WERNER!



Werner Rutishauser made it to the front page again! As the second oldest member of the Vancouver Swiss Society his birthday was celebrated by lots of visitors and phone-calls. A few days later Veronika Sans brought some delicious pastries from the Grandville Island Market Bakery and Werner and Blanche enjoyed them together with Veronika and Christina Lips.

Dear Members

Much has happened since our last AGM was held in 2019. The Board of Directors (“BOD”) had decided to cancel the 2020 AGM due to COVID-19, which at the time had just emerged. We had hoped that the situation would improve later that year to the point where we could hold an in-person meeting. We all know how things unfolded, and the BOD had decided to cancel the 2020 AGM altogether. The BOD believed that it was preferable to wait to hold an in-person meeting to allow members that may not be tech savvy to attend, rather than charge ahead with a virtual meeting.

Fast forward a year, and the pandemic is still causing disruptions. As a result, the BOD has not been able to secure a venue to hold an in-person AGM. **We will therefore be holding our 2021 AGM electronically using the popular zoom video conference platform.** Many of you may already be familiar with zoom through work. Zoom is easy to use and allows connecting to a meeting via video call or dial-in using a regular phone. We hope that many of our members will be able to join the virtual AGM.

We encourage members that are planning to participate **to register their attendance:**

RSVP your attendance by Saturday, October 23, 2021, by sending an email to

membership@swiss-society.org

so that we can verify that participating members are in good standing and able to vote prior to start of the meeting. If you want to attend via phone-in, you can register with Susanne Wilson by October 23 at **604-888-6949**. This will allow us to start the meeting promptly and in an orderly fashion. We have allowed for a meeting of three hours this time (rather than two hours) as we have many important items to discuss.

Most notably the BOD will be presenting the outcome of the Mt. Baker Cabin sale. Most time of the AGM, however, will be allocated **to discussions regarding the Tyrol Investment.**

As you know, members of the SSV voted in 2012 to invest into a limited partnership. This investment agreement will be coming to an end in June 2022, and the Tyrol Ski and Mountain Club (“TSMC”) has made an offer to buy back investment units from investors (including the SSV). We ask all members to carefully study the Buyout Proposal that was presented to the SSV by the TSMC.

Besides discussing administrative matters, we will also look into the future during this AGM and present our vision for a thriving post-pandemic SSV. We would like to encourage our members to join the BOD as we need volunteers that help organize events.

We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM!

Sincerely,
Board of Directors

SWISS SOCIETY OF VANCOUVER



Dear Members,
The SSV Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend our

2021 Annual General Meeting

to be held on

Sunday, October 24, 2021

1:00pm to 4:00pm

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainties with regards to potential changes to public health restrictions, it was not possible to secure a venue to hold an in-person meeting. Please find below the login information to join the virtual AGM via zoom. In order to speed up the tally for the quorum and verifying voting rights, please RSVP your attendance by Saturday, October 23, 2021, by sending an email to membership@swiss-society.org

Zoom for Video Call

use the zoom software for use with a webcam can be installed on desktop computers, laptops, and smartphones. This software is free and easy to use. To download the software for your desktop computer or laptop, please use the link below. For installing the software on your phone please use the app store.

<https://zoom.us/download>

Please use the link below to join the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86739265001?pwd=SUNsMDFkNHlOSmdRZWxIS0VROFJqZz09>

Meeting ID: 867 3926 5001

Passcode: 106898

Zoom for Phone Dial-In

While it is recommended that you join the meeting using a device with a webcam, it will be possible to join the AGM by dial-in using a regular phone call. Please register with Susanne Wilson at 604-888-6949 by Oct. 23. To join the meeting, call the number below and follow the instructions.

Number: +1 778 907 2071

Meeting ID: 867 3926 5001

Participant ID: #

Passcode: 106898



AGENDA - 2021 AGM of the SSV

1. Announcement of quorum (25) by the Chair
2. Reading and motion to accept the 2021 Agenda
3. Reading and motion to accept 2019 AGM minutes
4. Welcoming of Dignitaries & Thank you
5. Reading and motion to accept the Annual Report by the President
6. Reading of the Financial Reports (2019 & 2020)
7. Reading of the Auditor's Report
8. Motion to accept the Financial Report and Auditor's Report
9. Reading and motion to accept the 2021 Budget
10. Presentation of the Mt. Baker Cabin Sale
11. Presentation of the status of the Tyrol investment
12. Reading of section reports:
 - a. Vancouver Swiss Choir - Andrea Flukiger
 - b. Seniors Club - Werner Ruthishauser and Veronika Sans
 - c. Swiss Herald - Christina Lips
 - d. Membership - Susanne Wilson
 - e. Website & Social Media - Aio Haberli
13. Motion to accept the section reports
14. Motion about annual membership fee
15. Presentation & Discussion of the Vision 2020 of the SSV
16. Elections of officers to the Board of Directors by acclamation
17. Election of Auditors by acclamation
18. Honorary Memberships
19. Volunteer Pool
20. Upcoming Events
21. Motion to adjourn the meeting



Tyrol Investments GP Inc.

204 - 1221 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, BC. V7M 2H5 July 2021

July 2021

Tyrol Investments GP Inc. Investors

Via email

Dear Investors,

When we are looking forward and making plans, we inevitably need to look back and acknowledge all the changes and difficulties that we encountered during the past year and a half. Uncertainty and unpredictability brought to us by COVID 19 are only slowly and cautiously easing up.

However, there is every reason to be optimistic as Covid 19 vaccinations have been administered to most people in BC and second doses are well underway.

Most business have been negatively affected including our Tyrol Ski and Mountain lodge. The Lodge was closed with only a short period of very limited use. However, the lodge re-opened recently and there will be more revenue coming. During the past year the TSMC have been very actively planning for the future. We together with TSMC Board of Directors (BOD) were working out a solution to address the ongoing property issue.

There has been a concentrated effort by the TSMC BOD to pursue the subdivision of the 2 acre property owned by the Tyrol Investment Limited Partnership (TILP). It has been made clear by the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) that building a road is the only option if any rezoning was to be accepted, and even then, they have stated there are no guarantees. We have also pursued road access through the Hillman development that they have rejected. The next step for rezoning to move forward is to build a road. Very detailed work by the TSMC to estimate the cost of building a road that meets RMOW standards has been finalized. The TLIP share would be \$812,400.00. This means that the original plan to subdivide the TLIP is no longer a viable option with our deadline of June 2022.

We have, however, received a revised proposal from the Tyrol and Ski Mountain Club Board of directors. The TLIP directors have decided this proposal is the best and the only option available for the TLIP Investors.

It also is within the original spirit when we started this investor program which was to save the lodge and club. The TSMC proposal means the club will continue to grow and remain successful for current and future generations.

Please review the TSMC proposal in detail as there are many options for you to consider beyond the \$3,500 value per unit we have settled upon.

If you have any questions on the revised offer from the TSMC, you can direct your questions to **Morgan Goldie**

Best regards,

Jim Brown

President

Tyrol Investments GP Inc.

Nora Franzova

Secretary

Tyrol Investments GP Inc.



30 June 2021

Dear Limited Partners (TILP unit holders):

We write to you today on behalf of the Tyrol Ski and Mountain Club ("TSMC") and its Board of Directors to provide options for the TSMC to purchase / exchange your units in the TILP to secure the lands and Lodge for future generations of mountain enthusiasts. We continue to explore rezoning opportunities, and this may still be an option, however, we are quite certain that this will not occur by June 2022 – the next significant date in the current TILP Agreement (LPA).

We do not want to leave this issue to the last minute. We prefer to take a proactive, engaged, flexible and community minded approach. We want to be clear on the expectations for June 2022 so we can all rest well at night, knowing the Tyrol Lodge is here to stay and we can more effectively plan for the future of the Club and its Lodge. Please feel free to view the club's *Draft 5 Year Plan*, circulated previously.

We have seen that the *New Membership structure* works, and our modeling shows we can raise the capital to purchase the units with roughly 200 members, where the club stood historically. We currently have 130 members, up from 65 in the fall of 2019. We were well on track for increased room revenue, until the waves of COVID hit.

The most recent cases and vaccination rates are promising, and we started our phased reopening on May 31, 2021. With the province announcing move to Step 3, we expect a busy summer at the Lodge. We just launched a marketing campaign, including a [New Landing page](#) for our website and will be hosting a couple of Open Houses over the summer. We expect to see another intake of new members over the next few months leading up to the ski season.

We would like to refocus our energy on growing a thriving, all season adventure outpost in Whistler. We would like you to continue with us on this journey, while appreciating we are all at different stages of our lives. With this in mind, we are proposing the options that follow to the unitholders to finalize the sale of units to TSMC through one or a combination of these options by 30 June 2022 / as soon as possible; likely near the end of 2021 or early 2022.

Yours Sincerely,

Morgan Goldie
President Tyrol Ski & Mountain Club

TILP Units Buyout Proposal – June 2021

The Tyrol Ski & Mountain Club (TSMC) would like to purchase all remaining units from unit holders to secure the 5 acres property for future generations to enjoy the Tyrol Lodge Legacy. We propose we buyout the units from unit holders via the following options:

Option A: MEMBERSHIP Options

1. Use your unit with \$5,000 value to purchase membership(s) at last year's rates

- (\$2,500 + GST) for yourself, your family or friends until 31 July 2021
- or at current rates (\$3,000 + GST) from 01 August 2021
- includes a NEW "TSMC Special Membership Options"
- See **Appendix I** for details on TSMC Membership Structure
- Note: **This is a \$6,000 value at this year's rates.**

2. Any Legendary Member, donating one full unit or more will receive Honourary Membership status.

Membership Options would be active upon receipt of signed forms, GST remittance, and approval of TSMC Board of directors.

Option B: CASH-OUT Options

1. We will purchase units for the sum of \$3,500 each. Units will be sold at less than your original purchase cost and a tax refund may apply.

2. Pick your price: Consider a further donation to the club by selling us your unit(s) for less than the basic \$3500 and be recognized for your generosity and continued support for the TSMC.

For Multiple Unit Holders, we hope you will consider a combination of the above options.

This offer considers:

- a) the **current value of the property and the RMOW requirements.**
 - i) Refer to *Appendix II*: The current value of the TILP units
- b) Units will be sold below original purchase price and a tax refund may apply.
 - i) Refer to *Appendix III*: Tax rebate Report / discussion
- c) The difference between original unit purchase price and today's unit sale price will be recognized as a donation for the Tyrol Supporters Commemorative Plaque and granted special day access to acknowledge their important contribution to "Saving Tyrol Lodge".
 - i) Refer to Appendix IV: Tyrol Supporter Commemorative Plaque details.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. and we will start processing contracts.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please fill out the Unit Transfer Options Form on page 3.

Unit Transfer Options Form:

Unit Holder Name: _____ Total No. of Units. _____

Option A: MEMBERSHIP Options	Last Year's Rate Special	Enter No. of Units for Membership Options
Legendary	\$ 1,250 + GST	
Regular or Peak Add-on Single	\$ 2,500 + GST	
Regular or Peak Add-on Couple	\$ 3 750 +GST	
Regular with Peak Add-on Single	\$ 5 ,000 + GST	
Regular with Peak Add-on Couple	\$ 7 ,500 + GST	
NEW TSMC Special Options for Membership	Ask us	
Honorary Special for Legendary Members	1 Unit	

Option B: CASH-OUT Options	Unit Sale Price	Enter No. of Units for Cash-Out
1. TSMC Basic Offer	\$ 3,500	
2. Pick a Price:	\$ 3,000 \$ 2,500 \$ 2,000 \$ 1,500 \$ 1,000	

For CASH-OUT Options: Please indicate your desired payout time frame (check one)	
ASAP - Desired but not guaranteed, 31 January 2022	
FINAL - June 30, 2022	

This will help us plan financing - Thank you for your support

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This is a binding agreement:

Please feel free to call Morgan Goldie – TSMC Club President to discuss any questions you have; we are happy to help you fill this out to suit your needs.

1. All cash transactions for units, where indicated in the survey and signed by 31 July 2021, beyond paying out difference for units used for membership or donations will be carried out in one lump sum as soon as possible, on or before 30 June 2022; likely near the end of 2021 or early 2022.
2. Our intention would be to have any unitholders strongly in need of funds or wishing to sell to have the opportunity to do so as soon as possible.
3. TSMC reserves the right to withdraw or cancel this proposal at any time.
4. GST is payable in cash on all non-cash transactions for memberships.

Appendix I: TSMC's Membership Structure

The new TSMC membership structure is based on first purchasing a "Regular Membership" and then purchasing Add-ons for Peak / additional booking privileges. There are discounts for Spousal, Intermediate (less than 30 years) and Legendary. We have summarized the most popular memberships below. The full set of options can be viewed from [this link](#) to the club website. Please inquire for additional membership details for clubs and our new **TSMC Special Membership Options** which allows you to purchase memberships at today's rates for dependents, nieces, nephews, or friends and family to exercise in a future year if they are not in the stage of life to use the club now.

- Cash payout can be no more than \$3,500 per unit.
- GST is payable in cash on all membership options.

Option A: Membership Options	Last Year's Rate Special
Legendary	\$1,250 + GST
Regular or Peak Add-on Single	\$2,500 + GST
Regular or Peak Add-on Couple	\$3,750 + GST
Regular with Peak Add-on Single	\$5,000 + GST
Regular with Peak Add-on Couple	\$7,500 + GST
NEW TSMC Special Membership Options: <i>See Appendix V</i>	Ask us about these or simply let us know how you would like to participate
Honorary Special for Legendary Members	1 Unit

Appendix II: The Current Value of the TILP units

Logic to show the value of the property is approximately \$1,540 per share.

Right now, you can buy:

- A 10-acre property at Stonebridge for \$5,750,000.
- Two acre lots at Alta Lake Estates are listed for about \$2,500,000.

Let's say for comparison, that the 5-acre Tyrol property is worth \$5,000,000, if it has *legal road access*. Why would anyone pay more when they could buy an equivalent property in the prestige Stonebridge Development for roughly the same price?

- It has been made clear to us by RMOW that building a road from Alta Lake Road, across the BC Hydro right of way, down to the Tyrol property is the only option if any rezoning were to be accepted, and even then, they have stated there are no guarantees. We have also pursued road access through the proposed Hillman development south of the Tyrol property, that RMOW has rejected. The only next step for rezoning to move forward is to build a road.

- Since our correspondence last June, our BOD has continued to pursue the rezoning options on behalf of the limited partners. This included engaging an engineering company to design a road down from Alta Lake Road to Tyrol Lodge.
- We worked with the engineering company and a local contractor with expertise in this sort of construction to develop budget costing for a road in August 2020.

- To get road access, **one would have to spend approximately \$4,200,000** on building the road down from Alta Lake Road, assuming one could get permission to build it on Stonebridge and RMOW land, across the BC Hydro right of way.
- Though the road would only serve one property, such that it would not need meet RMOW standards for a Strata road, Duane Jackson, owner of lands over which the road require passage, has said he would not agree to allowing it to go over his property unless it was built to Strata road standards at a maximum 10% gradient. RMOW would likely require that as well for emergency vehicle access.
- Access through the Hillman property will be impossible once that land becomes a RMOW park.

In this scenario, the buyer may only be willing to spend approximately \$812,400 on buying the 5 acre Tyrol property, once the cost of building road access is taken into consideration.

Estimated Value if it had Road Access	\$ 5,000,000
Less Cost of Road (could vary - \$250,000 to +\$750,000)	(\$ 4,187,600)
Estimated Net Sale Price – Without Road & Most Related Fees	\$ 812,400
2/5 for TILP (40%)	\$ 324,960
No. of Units	211
Value per TILP unit	\$ 1,540

Note: When we looked at scenarios where the 5 acres would be subdivided, with 1, 2, 3 and 4 potential RS-1 lots for rezoning, it was only with 4 lots that the project would have a positive return on investment, All other scenarios resulted in an estimated net loss.

RMOW Councillor Duane Jackson commented that RMOW would not allow rezoning of the property to create 4 new lots without providing a very significant benefit to the community. Extending the Valley Trail the short distance across our property would not be sufficient.

Tyrol Lodge Development, 5302 Alta Lake Road, Whistler B.C.	
Access Road Costs vs. 5 Acre Tyrol Property Selling Price	
June 22/2021	
Item	Cost
Access Road Construction Costs	
Section 1 Storm Sewer	\$96,550
Section 2 Roadworks	\$973,138
Sub Total - as per engineering Class Construction costs (5/2/2020)	\$1,069,688
Additional Items from Corona Excavations construction costs	316,425
Sub total - Access Road cost (including Corona Excavations items)	\$1,386,113
Valley Trail (Not included)	\$ -
Additional extrapolated costs for change from 12% to 10% slope	\$1,099,887
Sub Total - Access Road Const. Costs (including extrapolated costs)	\$2,486,000
Construction contingency 30%	\$745,800

Fees and Expenses	
Engineering 30% of road construction cost (not including contingency)	\$745,800
Legal	\$25,000
Surveying	\$5,000
Geotechnical	\$20,000
Hydrology (see note 2 re. environmental costs)	\$10,000
Realtor @3% x \$5,000,000	\$150,000
Subtotal Fees & Expenses	\$955,800
Total Access Road Costs (including Class C construction costs, Corona Excavations items, Extrapolated costs, contingency, fees & expenses)	\$4,187,600
Lot Selling Price	\$5,000,000
Profit /Loss = (Total Selling Price - Total All Costs)	\$812,400
TILP Share (40%)	\$324,960
Cash per TILP share (1/211)	\$1,540

Notes:

- 1) Land Transfer Tax & GST not included.
- 2) A Tyrol member provided an indication of what environmental costs may be but they are not included as they may be provided at minimal cost to the club-may be between \$100,000 and \$250,000.
- 3) Construction road costs are based on engineering class C construction cost and Corona Excavations additional costs for a 12% slope and extrapolating them for a road slope of 10% as per RMOW standard for a strata road.
- 4) Other than the cost of road construction to RMOW standards for a strata road, all other development costs are not included. A buyer/developer would need to allow for costs for water, sewer, power, communications services, RMOW development fee, etc. for a new building constructed anywhere other than at the site of the existing Tyrol Lodge plus the cost of demolition of the existing lodge.
- 5) Costs for extending the valley trail through the Tyrol property are not included.
- 6) This is not an estimate of construction costs. It is an opinion of probable construction costs. Many costs are unknown and may vary significantly due to many factors.

Appendix III: Tax Analysis by Carol Selig

Tyrol Investments LP
Tax Analysis
As at December 31, 2020

	<u>2012 Units</u>	<u>2015 Units</u>
Original Cost	5,000.00	5,000.00
Less: Allocated losses		
y/e December 31, 2012	-	12.36
y/e December 31, 2013	-	60.99
y/e December 31, 2014	-	59.48
y/e December 31, 2015	-	54.80
y/e December 31, 2016	-	34.06
y/e December 31, 2017	-	40.84
y/e December 31, 2018	-	29.47
y/e December 31, 2019	-	7.61
y/e December 31, 2020	-	-
Adjusted Cost Base as at December 31, 2020	<u>4,700.39</u>	<u>4,833.22</u>

On disposition of a unit your adjusted cost base will generally be the above multiplied by the number of each type of unit you hold (if you are the original unitholder).

Any disposition for an amount greater than the adjusted cost base will give rise to a capital gain, and any disposition for an amount less than the adjusted cost base will give rise to a capital loss. 50% of any capital gain is taxable, and 50% of any capital loss is available to offset other taxable capital gains you might have in the year. If you have none you can carry this loss back 3 years to apply it to any taxable capital gains you had in those years, or carry it forward up to 20 years to apply it to any taxable capital gains you might have in the future. If you still have not had any taxable capital gains over that period, then the loss will expire. In the year that you dispose of your unit, report the disposition in Schedule 3 of your tax return.

Example of a disposition of 2 units for \$3,500 per unit where I hold one from 2012 and one from 2015:

	<u>2012 Unit</u>	<u>2015 Unit</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Proceeds of Disposition	3,500.00	3,500.00	7,000.00	
Adjusted Cost Base	4,700.39	4,833.22	9,533.61	
Capital loss	-	1,333.22	- 2,533.61	<--reported on Schedule 3
Taxable Capital Loss	-	666.61	- 1,266.81	<--amount of offset against capital gains

Appendix IV: Tyrol Supporters Commemorative Plaque Details

Tyrol Supporters Commemorative Plaque will include the following categories:

- Double Black Diamond: \$5,000 or more donation
- Black Diamond: up to \$4999 inclusively
- Blue: up to \$2500 inclusively
- Green: up to \$1,500 inclusively.

All Tyrol Supporters may enjoy day use (from 10 am to 4 pm) of the Tyrol Lodge during summer months when the road is open.

(1) They may use all common areas: living, dining, kitchen, games room, washrooms, deck, outdoor areas and parking (they will be required to pay parking fees for day use if applicable).

(2) They may bring up to two guests during day use.

(3) All day users will need to confirm availability / book day use with the lodge manager to ensure there is enough space and the lodge manager would be able to refuse booking day use if the lodge is very busy.

(4) Unit holders who have previously sold their units to TSMC for \$4,000 (in July 2020), will be recognized as Green Tyrol Supporters and if they choose to donate more than their considered \$1000 donation, the further donation will be tiered into the chart above based on the addition beyond the green level.

Appendix V: TSMC Special Options for Membership

Preamble – In the interest of fostering lifelong multi-generational participation in the TSMC by current members and creating an **option for the TILP Unit Holders** to continue their relationship with the club, while raising capital; these options serve as a vehicle to allow existing members to purchase and TILP unit holders to either purchase or convert some or all of their units into options for any available membership type or membership add-on. They are also a pre-payment hedge for membership and or Add-ons at *today's* rate, and exercised in future - conditions apply, see below for details.

SPECIAL - TILP Unit Holders get extra value and can use last year's pricing, where a regular membership was \$2,500, not today's \$3,000. TILP Unit Holder's Offer expires 31 July 2021.

All options are centred around the membership structure's most basic component, the Regular Membership and its relationship to all other membership options and add-ons. Consider the cost or value of the **Regular Membership = X**; Spousal Membership = 0.5X; Intermediate Membership = 0.5X; Peak Add-On = X and so on.

Typical Membership Purchases Options are purchased in units of 0.5X = \$1500+GST	TILP Special To 31 July 2021	Today's Cost	No. of OPTIONS
Regular Single	\$ 2,500+GST	\$ 3,000+GST	
Peak Add-on Single	\$ 2,500+GST	\$ 3,000+GST	
Premium Add-on	\$ 2,500+GST	\$ 3,000+GST	
Regular Couple	\$ 5,000+GST	\$ 4,500+GST	
Peak Add-on Couple	\$ 5,000+GST	\$ 4,500+GST	
Out of Town	\$ 1,250+GST	\$ 1,500+GST	
Legendary	\$ 1,250+GST	1,500+GST	
Regular Intermediate Single (30 yrs. and under)	\$ 1,250+GST	\$ 1,500+GST	
Peak Add-on Intermediate Single (30 yrs. and under)	\$ 1,250+GST \$	1,500+GST	

Further Details for TSMC Special Options for Membership

- 1.1. Can be exercised for dependents, family or friends with acceptance by the BOD at any time after purchase.
- 1.2. Can be held by current members only or TILP unit holders.
- 1.3. Have no Member Share value until exercised and annual dues are paid.
- 1.4. Have no value after expiration.
- 1.5. Each sale requires approval of the board.
- 1.6. Each Option still requires written notification of your intent to exercise your option(s) if you do not have dependents.
- 1.7. Each Option still requires written approval of the Board of Director to be exercised.
- 1.8. Can be held up to 20 years (or until Dependants are 29) for dependents and 5 years for family and friends.
- 1.9. BOD needs to be notified in writing of your intent to exercise your OPTION(s) if you do not have dependents.
- 1.10. This program can end at any time at the discretion of the TSMC Board of Directors.
- 1.11. The OPTIONS will expire after 20 years if not used or notice to the BOD has not been received in writing with an intent to use them before the 20-year anniversary of the sale.
- 1.12. The TSMC Board of Directors reserves the right to withdraw the offer of sale at any time.
- 1.13. The option holder will pay no dues nor have any access to the club until such time as the option is exercised. Upon exercising of the option, the option will expire and at that time the exercising option holder will become a member and or beneficiary of the membership category or add-ons as exercised, with all privileges, associated dues and relevant fees.



Rolf Meier March 25, 1953 ~ May 16, 2021 (age 68)

Obituary

It is with great sadness we advise that Rolf passed away peacefully on Sunday night, May 16th, 2021 after an eight year battle with cancer.

Predeceased by his parents Ewald and Margrith Meier, he leaves to mourn his life partner, Kathy McMaster, brother Urs (Marie Theres) Meier of Kerns, Switzerland, sister Esther (Jean) Gaud of Solothurn, Switzerland, nephew Louis (Carina) Meier of Oberflick, Switzerland and niece Dominique (Aurel) Meier of Basel, Switzerland. Also brother-in-law Rob (Anne) McMaster of Hudson Heights,

Quebec, nephew Kevin (Tracy) McMaster of Gaithersburg, Maryland and niece Amy (Rich) Cairns-McMaster of Fort Mill, South Carolina.

Born in Altdorf, Uri, Switzerland, Rolf grew up in Oberart and Dietlikon. He entered the Chef's program at the age of 15 and completed his Chef's Certificate at the prestigious Posthotel Valbella. Recruited by the Sutton Place Hotel in Toronto, Rolf embarked on his great Canadian adventure. A few years in Toronto, a short year in Lethbridge then on to Vancouver on his way to a job in San Francisco.

Rolf didn't go to SF, instead meeting his life partner of 40 years, Kathy McMaster. Moving from Executive Chef to Food & Beverage Manager (Shaughnessy Golf Club) to Clubhouse Manager (Vancouver Golf Club) and finally to salesman extraordinaire, he and his love ended up in Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island. A founding partner of Pacific Restaurant Supply Ltd., Rolf sold hospitality and food equipment while Kathy ran a B&B and in 2004 they found their dream home.

Rena Road Ranch is a 5 acre beautiful property with mountain and water views, and Rolf loved it dearly. He also loved the forest behind and when it was threatened with logging Rolf became an environmental warrior. Unfortunately some of DL33 was logged, but sustained effort led to the entire lot being protected from further destruction in an amendment to the Land Use Order in 2018.

Rolf also loved his dogs dearly, first Whiskey, then Harley and Millie, and Monty. But most of all he loved his Kathy and the life they had together. Multiple Myeloma is a cruel disease but Rolf met its challenges with dignity and grace. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

During his battle with cancer Rolf met many compassionate and skilled health care workers. Special thanks to Dr. Jason Hart, Dr. Steve Kulla, Dr. Danielle Downe and Dr. Marius Steyn, and to the angel nurses in the Palliative Care Unit, specially Uena, Emma and Jennifer, and home care workers Chelsea and Bonnie.

SENIORS' REPORT

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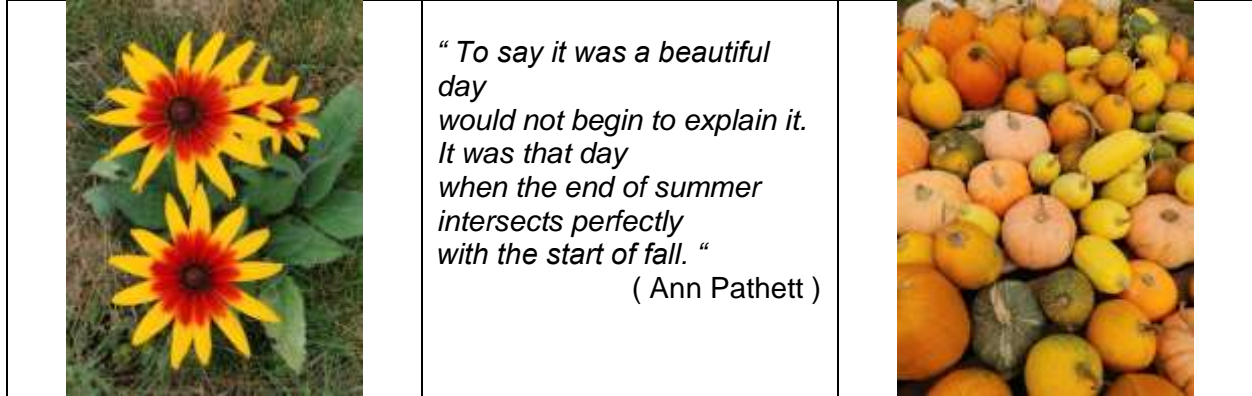
Unfortunately, our movie afternoons at the Vancouver Alpenclub must still continue to be suspended for the time being. Once it becomes possible to resume these popular get-togethers, we will send out a notice to all members. Let's hope for the best! Vaccination cards, mask wearing and pre-registration will of course be mandatory.

In the meantime, please go and get your two shots in case you have been putting it off until now. We would really like everybody, young and old, to be able to join us again!

Veronika Sans

CHOIR REPORT

Written by Andrea Flukiger, President



I hope you all had a great summer and were able to make lots of good memories.

Until a few days ago myself and my family were more or less living on our back porch. What a summer to remember. Now with fall around the corner, the sun hides every day a bit earlier behind the mountain. The colours of the tree leaves are slowly changing and with “ back to school” , we are sort of back to normal as well.

The choir is still in summer break but not idle. We are preparing to start rehearsal at the end of September. First by zoom and if all goes well by live rehearsals at the All Saints Anglican Church, Burnaby on Thursday nights starting in October.

There is still plenty of room for additional singers. (vancouverwisschoir1966@gmail.com) We hope to have a Christmas Concert but we will need to see how the Covid situation will develop within the next few weeks.

For those who have not seen it yet: Here is the link from our August 1st YouTube Concert <https://youtu.be/8kEPsP6r1NE>

SENIORS LUNCHEON POSTPONED

We are sorry to inform you that we are unable to organize the event on **Saturday, December 11th, 2021** due to the rising numbers of Covid 19 cases and the rules for Restaurants in this matter.

Maybe we'll be able to replace it with an Easter Lunch.



VANCOUVER DORFMUSIK

After 1 ½ years 14 of the Vancouver Dorfmusik Family met for the first time again Sunday, September 19, 2021 for a picnic at Trout Lake Park.

Everyone had missed the rehearsals, performances and social events together and there was a lot to catch up with.



We have not found a place for rehearsal yet and therefore wait a bit longer with starting to practice again.

We are all sorry to see **Hans-Ruedi Mueller** leaving the band. He has been with the Dorfmusik almost since beginning and he attended lots of events like trips to Switzerland, Leavenworth, Whistler, at Martin Russenberger's place and many Concerts in Vancouver, at the Chalet and Ladner.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021

2021 SSV & Choir Membership Renewal (was due Mar. 31, 2021)

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Society of Vancouver in the past. If you have not renewed your membership for 2021 (a requirement to be able to vote at the 2021 AGM and participate at upcoming events), there is still time to do so.

If you did not renew in 2020, or you would like to join the SSV for the first time, or if anything changes in your membership status, or there was a change of address, please send a newly completed membership / liability form with the payment. You can download & print the form from the SSV website or send me an e-mail to request it.

<http://www.swiss-society.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-Swiss-Society-Membership-Form.pdf>

If you don't know if your membership form is current please call or e-mail me. You can pay for SSV & Choir with one cheque or make an e-transfer (membership@swiss-society.org / 604-888-6949). All members aged 19 and older (except honorary members) are required to pay the SSV membership. You can mail the cheque to:

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Membership dues are as follow:

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

Optional membership is:

Choir \$ 80.00

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 & Choir Membership Chair
604-888-6949 // membership@swiss-society.org

Nominations for Honorary Memberships

Any member of the Swiss Society in good standing can make a WRITTEN nomination, which must include details as to why someone is recommend, and why that person should be deserving of honorary membership. The nominations will be put to a vote at the AGM. Any nominations must be received by Susanne Wilson by October 17th, 2021 at the latest. membership@swiss-society.org or the SSV address on the front page of the Herald.

Jassen aus Freude am Spielen

Sunday, November 7th, 2021



The Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association and the Swiss Society of Vancouver invite everyone to a

Jass-Tournament

Sunday, November 7th, 2021 at the SCMRA Chalet in Coquitlam.

Sign-in is at 12:00pm and the games begin at 1:00pm sharp.
Donations for prizes are welcome.

Costs are \$5 Schieber and \$5 Handjass.

Kitchen & Bar will be open at the Chalet and the dinners can be purchased for
\$ 20.00.

Non-Jasser are welcome for dinner. Must have reservation!

Please make your reservation with Irma Bieri 604-738-8553, irmaishere@hotmail.com
or
Joe Morach 604-581-7065

Help us to purchase the right amount of Food by
making dinner reservation no later than October 30, 2021



A VERY SPECIAL PLACE TO LIVE

The Wheatonriver Wilderness Retreat, Whitehorse, Yukon

By Christina Lips; Photos Helene Bazin



When Robert Perren met his future wife in Switzerland, he already had spent a few summers in the Yukon Territory as a tour guide. He owned a cabin there and each fall he went back to Switzerland to work during the winter months.

The next summer Robert took Carmen to Canada and showed her his second home-country.

They went back and forth between Canada and Switzerland and Carmen gave birth 2005 to their first child in the remote Cabin in Canada with the help of a midwife.

Carmen spent the summer mostly alone, because Robert guided tours. At the end of the season Carmen wanted to go back to Switzerland and they both took over a home for single moms as Social Pedagogues. Before their probation time of three months was over, they knew that this was not the work they liked and they decided to go back to Canada.

After their second child was born in another cabin with a midwife they looked for a place to buy, closer to Whitehorse. They found a place that matched their dream; a property that was part of a Coop. They had to go for an interview that was held by the two other owners, and they passed.





There was the main house and two cabins they renovated and built a log-house later on.

They created their own business, which is now Abenteuer Wheatonriver or Wheatonriver Wilderness Retreat.

During these years they gave birth to their third child.

Now the children are 9, 14 ½ and 16 ½.

They go to School in Whitehorse, that's 60 km South of their home and they spend 3 hours each day travelling on the school-bus.

Can you imagine getting up at 5:45 each morning when daylight starts at 10 in winter and it's about minus 20 C to minus 35 C in winter? Brrrrr.

Summer is totally different: for one month it's never dark at night.

The following information is from their website:

www.wheatonriver.net

Carmen and Robert are from beautiful Thun in Switzerland, nestled within the Swiss alps. They left everything behind and moved to the Yukon more than fifteen years ago.

Together with their 3 kids (all true Canadians!) they have been living off the land and pretty much off the grid ever since: their home at Wheaton River is solar powered, they use water directly from the stream and organic veggies grow in their backyard (at least as long as there is no snow). Part of the family are also one donkey and one horse (they are friends), five dogs, two cats, six chickens, one rooster, quails and 2 rats!



At their Wheatonriver Wilderness Retreat they accommodate guests year-round. And they worked hard to make it what it is today: a place to relax, to have fun, to be outside, and to explore. Both Carmen and Robert are professional tour guides. They are passionate about their surroundings and eager to get you outdoors: In a canoe, on foot for a decent hike, with snowshoes or on skis, any thing is possible!

Come to WheatonRiver Wilderness Retreat and let them show you their favorite hidden gems in the Yukon country. You won't regret it!

Within half an hour are the Robinson Roadhouse Historic site, the Annie Lake Road Golf Course, Artist studio tours, prepared ski tracks and more.

Wheaton River Wilderness Retreat – where mountains, river and nature meet!

Our little paradise is tucked away in a coastal mountain range, next to the iconic Wheaton River. Surrounded by pristine wilderness, our property is the perfect spot to unwind, experience the northern lights, relax under the midnight sun and reconnect with nature. No traffic noise here, just birdsongs, wind in the trees and maybe a wild moose grazing on the riverbank.

Located on Annie Lake Road, halfway between the capital city Whitehorse and the historic community of Carcross, Wheatonriver Wilderness Retreat is ideally situated for a weekend getaway or as a homebase for your Yukon adventures.

When we discovered this special place, we knew we wanted to make it our home and share it with others. We have carefully constructed and designed our unique accommodations to let our guests experience an authentic Yukon gateway while ensuring their comfort. The rustic lifestyle includes cooking with propane, heating with wood and waking to the sounds of wilderness. A simpler way of life.

We have explored many of the remote parts of the valley and hope that you too will discover the spectacular beauty of our area and its endless opportunities for enjoying the great wilderness. If you're up for some outdoor activities, our retreat is a great starting point to go out on a canoe tour, kayaking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing or hike the Wheaton River Valley. We offer guided tours and have all equipment you need on site. Ask us what's going on during your stay!

Carmen & Robert Perren

More information you find on their website in German: www.blog.abenteuer.ch

The Log-House (Photo from their Website)



The Sauna





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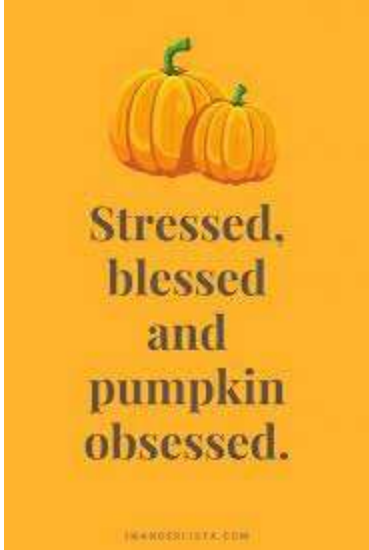
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