

# SWISS HERALD

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LET THE SHOW BEGIN AGAIN!



## Dear Members of the Swiss Society Vancouver,

It is hard to believe that most of our activities had to be cancelled since March 2020 due to Covid 19.

Lots of you were stuck at home and couldn't meet with family and friends.

The Choir members found a way to sing via the Internet and the Board Members communicated on line. Decisions had to be made and two of our AGM's happened on screen too.

But now FINALLY we are able to plan social activities again and we have a few events planned now. Here is the first one:

## **SENIOR'S SECTION**

#### Filmnachmittag fuer Senioren und andere Interessierte: Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 2-5 pm

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

Kosten: \$ 5 fuer Kaffee und Kuchen

Please register with Veronika Sans by Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> : **604-730-9781 or email** vsans@prontomail.com



Next date after this one: June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 same time same place.

**Everybody is invited to come, no age limit.** The movies are in Swiss-German or German and usually contain topics related to Switzerland and/or Germany

## Remembering Johnny



Johnny Menzi was born in Niederwil, St. Gallen, Switzerland,

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1926 – the fifth of ten children.

He grew up on a farm, but farming was not his forte.

As a young man he was an active member in the gymnastics club.

Johnny's initial plan was to go to South Africa to learn the art of glassblowing, but instead he decided to do an apprenticeship in central heating for four years.

Johnny immigrated to Canada in Spring 1952. In his field of work

he had to change to sheet-metal and ventilation, since central heating was not that common yet.

He worked for Keith Heating and Plumbing for many years and retired in 1991 at the age of 65. That was the year that we moved to Abbotsford.

Johnny and I got married in 1972 and he became a caring Step-Dad to my children.

Johnny was very active and very much liked in the Swiss Society- and Outdoors Club, as well as in the Swiss Choir, and was an Honorary Member of the Swiss Rifle Club.

He enjoyed skiing and hiking, volunteered countless hours to various projects as well for the Swiss Society as for the Rifle Club and was always eager to lend a hand.

He loved to participate on numerous events that were organized by the clubs. He was known as a very social and jovial nature and liked a good glass of wine and a good laugh.

In his later years he always quoted: "I had a good life!"

In 2011 Johnny was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and went to Menno Home in 2016 where he received wonderful care. Johnny passed away peacefully on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife, Rosly, of 49 years, his son Allan and daughter-in law Melu-Jean, his daughter Yvonne and son-in law Jim, five grand-children and three great-grand-children. Johnny will be always remembered as loving and kind and he will be missed.

On this note we would like to thank you all for the heartfelt cards and flowers. Rosly Menzi





## **CHOIR REPORT** written by the President Andrea Flukiger

Please mark your calendars for our Spring Concert on June 18, 2022 2 pm in Burnaby.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and we are hard at work on our concert program.

Our choir is still looking for new singers. Please spread the word. Do not hesitate to contact us via email:

vancouverswisschoir1966@gmail.com or phone

Rolf for more information : 604-710-7653. We meet for live rehearsals every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at the



All Saints Anglican Church 7405 Royal Oak Avenue in Burnaby.

A big thank you for your ongoing support.



# SAVE THE DATE!

Vancouver Swiss Choir

## Spring Concert 2022

## June 18th at 2 PM

7405 Royal Oak Ave, Burnaby B.C.

All Saints Anglican Church

## **VANCOUVER DORFMUSIK**



We recently started to rehearse again and we are getting ready to play in front of an audience at the

#### SCANDINAVIAN MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL JUNE 25 AND 26, 2022

6540 Thomas Street in Burnaby We will be on stage Saturday from 11-12noon. It's always fun to be there because there is a lot to look and do there:

Viking Village, Cultural Displays, Shopping Kiosks, Dancing, Bonfire, Beer Garden, Music, Midsummer Pole, Traditional Scandinavian Foods, Kids' activities. The fun and crazy wifecarrying contest always draws a lot of attention along with continuous entertainment all weekend. www.scandinavianmidsummerfestival.org

Saturday June 25: 10am to 10pm. Cultural and commercial booths open until 6pm Sunday June 26: 10am to 4pm





## NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



The Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association Board will organize their traditional and well liked National Day Celebration on **Saturday, July 30, 2022**. More details will be announced after their Board Meeting in June.

However: They need to have lots of volunteers to make the event a success.

#### This is a call for all of you, Swiss Members of the Swiss Society of Vancouver:

#### Please sign up as a volunteer for this special event!

A shift is usually 2-4 hours long and it can be behind the BBQ, the bar, the entrance gate, the parking lot, the children's games etc.

The more volunteers we can provide, the more our profit-share will be. Please send an email to our Vice-President Aio Haeberli at webmaster@swiss-society.org

or call Christina Lips at 604-984-9036.

## **TYROL LODGE UPDATE**



The Swiss Society of Vancouver is in the process of selling all their shares to the Tyrol Ski-and Mountain Club.

If you are a registered member of the Swiss Society of Vancouver, you can still go to the Tyrol Lodge for a membership price until September 30 of this year. That's your last chance to stay at a unique place in Whistler for so little money!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS 2022**

Sunday, May 29, 2022	Filmnachmittag 2-5 pm	Seniors	
Saturday, June 18,2022	Annual Concert 2 pm	Choir	
Saturday, June 25, 2022	Scandinavian Midsummer	an Midsummer Vancouver Dorfmusik plays from	
	Festival	11 – 12 noon.	
Sunday, June 26, 2022	Filmnachmittag 2-5 pm	Seniors	
Saturday, July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	National Celebration	Rifle Range Ass. and SSV	



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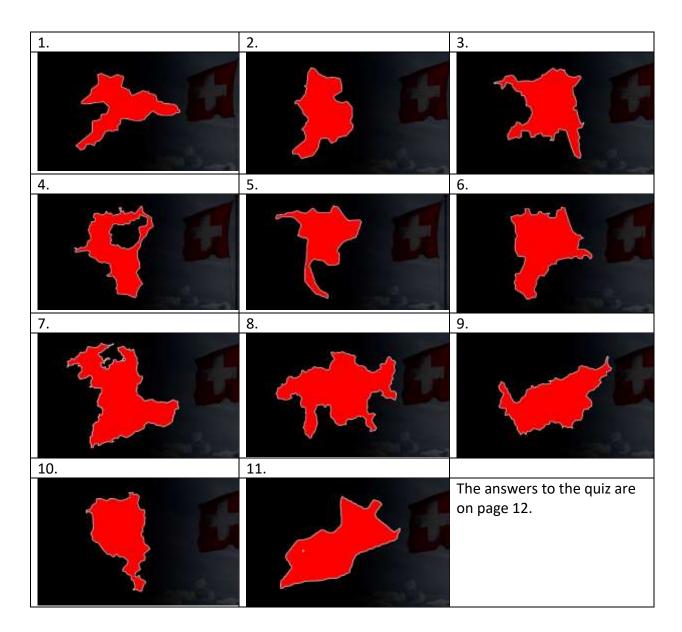
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Erkennst du die Schweizer Kantone an ihrem Umriss? From the Blick Newspaper May 10, 2022



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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#### Answers to the Quiz on Page 11

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  St. Gallen
  Bern
  Tessin
- 2. Glarus 5. Nidwalden 8. Graubuenden

11. Genf

- 3. Aargau
- 6. Luzern
- 9. Wallis