



# Interior Swiss Club Newsletter



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Summer 2006

## Upcoming Events Calendar

Mark these dates on your calendar

### **Vernon August 1st Celebration**

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Coldstream Creek Park, Kalamalka Lake Rd. Coldstream

Potluck starts at 6 pm

No food or drinks will be sold; please bring your own food, drinks, plates, chairs etc.

Details on page 3

### **Cache Creek August 1st Celebration**

August 5-7, 2006

Cache Creek at the Fischers Farm. Picnic, camping, games and shooting event

Details on page 3

### **Winter Bowling**

October/November

Bowling starts again in Vernon, Slamon Arm and Kamloops

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### **Christmas Party and Fondue Plausch**

Sunday, December 3, 2006

From 2-9 pm

More details to follow

If you need information or tickets for these events please call 250-549-3711

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## President's Report

We are now well into the Summer of 2006 – where does the time go?

On April 9 we had our Annual General Meeting. 17 members attended the meeting and all the business was conducted in an informative manner, questions were raised and answered. The complete minutes are published on our website as well as on page 4.

Your Board of Directors was elected by acclamation. Andy Züst and Matt Boss have resigned from their respective positions. I would like to welcome Rico Ronzani as our new Vice President and Kurt Zwingli as our new webmaster and director. After the meeting we all stayed on to chat and to enjoy the delicious coffee donated by Rico Ronzani and the Nussgipfel donated by Heinz and Rosemarie Schaefer.

The Bowling tournament held in Kamloops on March 26 was again very successful. A complete report written by Joe Ribary is on page 9. Thank you to the organizers, Rita Schilter, Helena Hasler and Andy Züst for a job well done. Also thanks again to Elisabeth and Erwin Nyfeler for organizing the luncheon and providing the delicious dessert. Much appreciated by all attending the event.

Our Spring Dance was held on April 22 at the Schubert Centre in Vernon. The sit-down dinner was enjoyed by all and the dance music provided by the Vernon Blaskapelle under the direction of John Doerwaldt put us all in a party spirit. Our very own "Pavarotti" Fred Affolter entertained us with well-known music and Al Klopfenstein played the alphorn followed by Hans Schwegler and Al playing the Schwyzeroergeli. A very nice gesture to keep the Swiss music tradition alive!

Thank you to our MC Elisabeth Reymond for a job well done. Last but not least, thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this event a success. A detailed report on the Spring Dance is on Page 7.

Many of you have now paid the 2006 membership. We appreciate this very much and thank you. In order to continue receiving the newsletter, you need to keep your membership up-to-date. If you have not already done so, kindly mail in your 2006 membership to Elisabeth Reymond.

I was deeply saddened to hear of Walter Zwahlen's passing on June 30, 2006. Walter was a dedicated long time member of the Swiss Club and he will be sorely missed. On behalf of the executive, I extend my deepest sympathies to Olga and the Zwahlen family.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our functions. I hope to see many compatriots come and enjoy the August 1st celebrations. Between the camaraderie, lampion cortege, shooting, games and music at Cache Creek, and the potluck, lampion cortege and mini concert from the Vernon Blaskapelle in Vernon it is sure to be fun!

### My Bowling Experience....

This past winter my mom and I looked forward to going bowling every second Sunday at Polson Bowling in Vernon. We enjoyed meeting new people that are Swiss too, and to get out of Westwold because there is not much to do. I think it was nice to spend some time with my mom and family to have a Sunday off and go bowling. I also enjoyed going for a drink at Tim Horton's after bowling with friends. To wrap up the bowling season we had a tournament in Kamloops at Falcon Lanes. After the tournament we had a really good lunch and they had great prizes for everyone. I think everyone had a great time during the bowling season and my mom and I are looking forward for the next bowling season to come.

Monika Graf  
Westwold BC

# AUGUST 1ST CELEBRATIONS

You're Invited ~ Everyone is welcome

**August 1st, 2006 in Coldstream (Vernon)**

Please note no food will be sold.

Members wishing to participate must bring dishes, utensils, lawn chairs and a potluck dish of choice.

The fun starts at 6 pm

There will be a mini concert by the Vernon Blaskapelle and a lampion cortege

**August 5-7, 2006 Fischers Farm in Cache Creek**

Saturday: Site set up

Sunday: 12-4 pm Rifle Shoot

Young and not so young are encouraged to come and demonstrate their skill

4 pm Dinner tickets go on sale

Adults: \$6.00

Children (12 and under) \$3.00

5 pm Dinner: Including BBQ sausage, bread, Nussgipfel, coffee or pop

Please bring a salad to share

Monday: Pot luck breakfast and clean up

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**Annual General Meeting  
April 9th, 2006 Odd Fellows Hall, Armstrong**

**Welcome and Opening by President Lilly Senn**

- Meeting was opened at 1pm
- 17 members were present
- Introductions started the meeting off

**Approval of Agenda**

- Moved to accept-K Zwingli, 2nd-J Ribary

**2005 AGM Minutes-Karen Cleland**

- Moved to accept-K Zwingli, 2nd-J Doerwaldt

**Presidents Report-Lilly Senn**

- Events of 2005 were highlighted
- Upcoming events were presented
- Membership stands at 225
- Advertising revenue for 2005 was \$985.00. Thanks were extended to all our advertisers and members were urged to support them
- Lilly thanked all of our dedicated volunteers for helping at events
- Lilly thanked outgoing directors Andy Zuest and Matt Boos for their contribution and service to the club
- Lilly also thanked the Board of Directors for all of their hard work
- Moved to accept-J Ribary, 2nd-A Zuest

**Treasures Report-Elisabeth Reymond**

- Gave financial statements for 2005
- Net loss was -\$2906.52-due to 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Investments have been moved from mortgage fund to income fund where they are averaging \$70/month interest
- Moved to accept-K Zwingli, 2nd-J Ribary

**Auditors Report-Trudy Feller**

- Audit found all to be in order

**Bowling Report-Andy Zuest/Rita Schilter/Helena Hasler**

- Another successful year of bowling
- Tourney was great with minor scoring concerns
- Next years scoring-the biggest plus difference between the training average and tournament average will determine the winner
- It was discussed whether the tournament should move between Vernon, Salmon Arm and Kamloops Discussion followed and it was felt that the tournament should be held in Kamloops

**Website-Andy Zuest**

- Website is still attracting lots of visitors and is well worth the money it costs to run
- Website has been renewed for 3 more years
- Over 7000 visitors since 2002

**Newsletter- Karen Cleland**

- Due to postage increases the newsletter is costing about \$200.00/ year to operate
- Worth the investment since the club covers a large area in the Okanagan

**Misc Business-**

- Helena Hasler extended a big Thank You to Lilly Senn for all of her hard work in 2005

**Nominations and Elections-Chairperson- Antoinette Untermacher**

- President: Lilly Senn
- Vice President: Rico Ronzani
- Secretary: Karen Cleland
- Treasurer/Membership: Elisabeth Reymond
- Directors: Heidi Gadmer, Helena Hasler, Margret Graf, Rita Schilter, Kurt Zwingli
- Auditors: Jenny Doerwaldt, Trudy Feller
- Elected by acclamation

Meeting adjourned at 2pm



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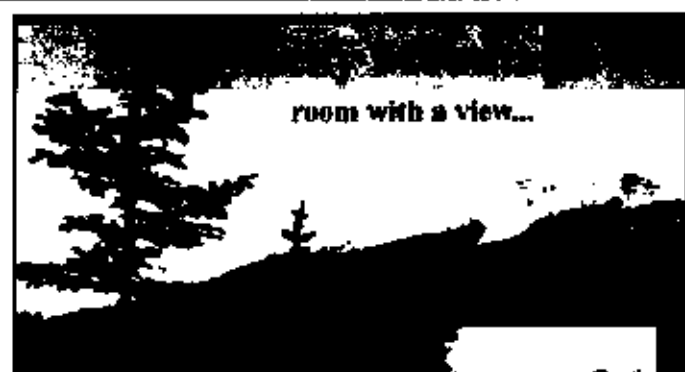
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## Spring Dance Report

This years spring dance was a hit from start to finish. The new venue was a great change—a beautiful hall with lots of room. People arrived and mingled until the dinner announcement was made and they hurried to their assigned tables. Dinner was wiener schnitzel—delicious! The service was quick, efficient and friendly. Also with the format changing this year to include more dance music, the dance floor was put to good use! It was great to see members from near and far out to enjoy the spring dance!

## ZWAHLEN

Mr Walter Zwahlen passed away in the Vernon Jubilee Hospital on Friday, June 30th, 2006 at the age of 77 years. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Olga, to whom he would have been married for 50 years on August 1st, his children; Rose (Clayton) Prince of Kelowna, BC, Joan (Jim Campbell) Backer, Wally (Carolyn McCurdy) Zwahlen and Sharon Zwahlen all of Dawson Creek, BC, three grandchildren; Brittany, Michael and Steven, two sisters; Martha (Hugo) Huggli and Heidi Rieder, both of Switzerland and many extended family members. He was predeceased by his brother, Hans Zwahlen.



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## Bowling Tournament Report Submitted by Joe Ribary

An impressive crowd of bowlers attended this year's tournament at the Falcon Lane bowling facility in Kamloops. Many of the participants were "Old Faithfuls", but I also noticed several new faces among them, which I feel is a very positive sign. Our trusty committee people had the event perfectly organized and the staff at the bowling alley did their best to enable us to start on time.

Even during warm-up time one could already feel the warm and wonderful atmosphere. Participants and spectators from the various regions greeted each other and visited while others tried to get the feel of their respective lanes. The actual competition went over without a hitch, how could it be otherwise with everybody being in such a good mood?! Many bowlers surpassed their practice average while a few didn't quite reach it, but all moseyed on to Desert Gardens in high spirits.

Elisabeth and Erwin Nyfeler had organized lunch perfectly as in past years and all enjoyed the delicious lasagna and of course, especially the delectable *Cremeschnitte*, donated by the Nyfeler. Contrary to last year, this year the bar was in operation, which many of us appreciated, this writer being one of them. Bowling makes thirsty and the taste of a good lasagna can only improve with a glass of wine on the side.

All in all, this year's bowling tournament was a resounding success and I'm certain that most everybody is already looking forward to the 2007 event. A big THANK YOU goes to the organizers, all the sponsors and, last but not least, to all the participants who with their enthusiasm help make this a success and pleasant experience every year!

Winners in the different categories were:

Kids: Kevin Schilter Juniors: Monica Graf Ladies: Rita Schilter Men: Ueli Boss

Congratulations to the winners as well as all other participants!

Pictures of this event can be found on our website.



## You Betta Belize It!

Submission by Joe Ribary

This is the rest of the story of Joe's trip to Punta Gorda, Belize to check out a possible resort site. Travel was slow but did not lack adventure. As he waits to cross a swollen river Joe finds a fishing buddy to pass the time with.

Minutes later we were hiking through a strip of dense brush, coming out at the far side to find ourselves in a large meadow that was dotted with slim palmettos. The river rushed and gurgled along five metres below us. Soon Taffy pointed to a small sandy beach ahead of us.

"Let's try our luck down there! See those washouts a short distance down river? There should be fish in the shade under the overhang."

We slid and scrambled down the steep bank, holding on to the lianas hanging from a huge Ceiba tree all the way down to the water. Taffy deposited his backpack on a log close by the water and began to rig his line. I tied a hook with a silvery blinker to my line and, walking carefully a couple of metres out into the stream, threw my line downstream back against the shore to one of the overhangs my companion had pointed out to me. For a short moment, I was able to see the silver gleam of my blinker sinking down, and then a surprisingly powerful hit almost jerked the line from my hand. Whatever had grabbed my hook immediately pulled out into the current and headed downstream, trying for the deep blue. "Huyee!" I yelled as the little hardwood stick around which my line was wrapped burned my palms, spinning almost out of control with the line unwinding rapidly.

"Don't tell me you already got a bite!" Taffy growled and leaned his light rod against the log to come to my aid, in case I needed any. He had just finished rigging his line and wanted to make ready to throw out his hook.

"Well, it sure as hell doesn't feel like a log swimming downriver, I panted." I had managed to grab a firm hold of the line and slowly pulled my line in, wrapping it up as I went. Once I got the son of a gun within about 30 metres of me it turned tail and headed downstream again. We repeated the manoeuvre three more times before I managed to get the large fish on dry ground. By that time my hands were sore enough to let my friend take care of the fishing for a while.

"By the Lord Harry," Taffy sighed admiringly. "Look at the fellow! That's a Cubera Snapper and I bet you it weighs 15 to 18 pounds. We'll have ourselves some tasty fish steaks tonight!"

"Better try your luck at the same spot," I suggested, pouring myself a drink. "I bet those guys hang around in packs."

Within half an hour we landed four beautiful specimens, one of them possibly 25 pounds. Cuberas in the Sibun River grow up to 60 pounds, which meant the fish we had caught were probably adolescents, but more than big enough to give us a good fight and to spruce up our dinner menu. While I cleaned the fish Taffy went to get help to carry our catch home. Believe me, we were quite popular with the rest of the group when we unpacked our steaks! The large Carib mama took charge and seasoned them immediately.

We spent a fairly uncomfortable night on the bus seats. By 6:00 AM the following morning, our driver decided that it was safe to ford the river and at 8:30 he unloaded Taffy and me at the pier in Belize City, where one of the San Pedro freight boats was docked. We loaded our merchandise onto the boat and I made arrangements to ride with them. Taffy immediately phoned Maya Air to book a seat on the next flight with their six-seater. He slapped me on the shoulder. "Plenty of time to have breakfast before I have to be at the Municipal Airport," he said.

"Sounds good to me," I agreed and told the captain I'd be back in time for their scheduled departure.

"Sure," the burly, barefoot fellow granted. "You gets 'nuff time fo' breacky and lunch. But you betta gets here befo' fo' in de aftanoon, mista. I is not gon' wait fo' nobody."

I knew I'd be back by noon to make sure they wouldn't take off without me. I had learned that in this country boats as well as airplanes left whenever their captains figured they had a full enough load, without any regard to set schedules.

As it happened, we left at three in the afternoon, which suited me just fine. The trip was slow as expected and uneventful. Only three months earlier I had given three waiters a 20.00 \$ advance each to buy themselves black trousers for the dinner shift. They all rode home on this same boat, and it tipped over during the passage due to strong winds and high waves. It was overloaded with building bricks and lumber, which made it high centred and caused the load to shift. The three poor fellows had to jump into the sea to save their lives, but they all lost their black trousers and white shirts. And I, of course, lost my money, because I never recouped my advance. I passed the time reading and writing until nightfall. After that, I bedded down on my bag of coffee and contemplated the star-filled sky and listened to the waves slapping against the hull of the boat. "It ain't paradise," I mused, "but it's close enough for this boy." After a while I fell asleep for a couple of hours. It was just turning daylight when we docked at the San Pedro Pier. I hired one of the numerous carriers with a wheelbarrow to haul my door, the coffee and other groceries to my restaurant, which was situated a mere 100 metres south of the pier. When everything was stashed away I walked to the house, where my wife and daughter greeted me with sleepy enthusiasm.

After a long shower and a shave I felt refreshed and ready for action. At six o'clock I was back at the restaurant to serve breakfast. Everything was back to normal.

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