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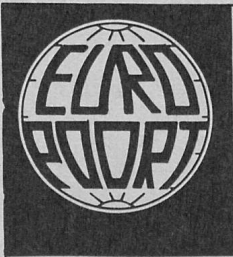
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## Official news:

For once not much official news, but just two events which take place back home in Switzerland.

30 April Auslandschweizer Tag at the MUBA in Basel -

21 - 23 Aug. in Solothurn, Congress of the Swiss Abroad, (Auslandschweizer-Kongress).

if you are in Switzerland on these dates why not join, and give a strong representation to the Southern African Swiss Community.

The Schweizer Rettungs flugwacht SRFW — Swiss Air Rescue SAR, which describes its aim as follows: The Swiss Air-Rescue is a charitable, humanitarian foundation and a part of the Swiss Red Cross. The Swiss Air-Ambulance belongs to the SAR and operates the ambulance aircraft.

This organisation has lately made some publicity for their services in South Africa, however it is not clear whether repatriation services are already available out of Southern Africa. Those interested to obtain more details can write direct to:

SRFW Dufourstr. 43 CH 8008 Zuerich.

There is also a Telex Number given for calls in cases of emergencies: 50045 / 59777.

For a change an item from a Swiss Newspaper regarding the new South African Ambassador in Bern.

## Neuer Botschafter Südafrikas in Bern.

(pd) Am 19. Dezember übergab in Bern H.A. Geldenhuys, der neue südafrikanische Botschafter in der Schweiz, sein Akkreditiv dem Bundespräsidenten, G.-A. Chevallaz. Das Bild, aufgenommen in der offiziellen Residenz nach der Zeremonie, zeigt den Botschafter mit seiner Gattin. Erika Geldenhuys ist geboerene Bernerin und heiratete ihren Mann vor vielen Jahren, als er als junger Diplomat zum ersten Mal an der Botschaft in Bern angestellt war.

The next issue of the Swiss Review Number 2/81 will appear in June 1981 and it is hoped to give full details of the Swiss National Day celebrations at the various centres.

The co-operation of the various organisations is however required to forward such information timeously. The closing dates for the material to be sent to Box 3364, Johannesburg, 2000 are as follows:

Review: 2/81 - 10th May — 3/81 - 10th August.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

*Liebe Leser,  
Dear Readers,*

Die Einleitung zur ersten Ausgabe des Jahres der Review, ist traditions-gemaess in Deutscher Sprache, und wir moechten die Gelegenheit benützten um den Lesern zu danken die uns von Zeit zu Zeit Beitrage zustellen, der Erfolg jeder Publikation beruht auf dem Interesse der Leser und dies kann nur an Hand von Kritik negativ oder positiv festgestellt werden, so bitte senden Sie uns weiterhin Ihre Zuschriften.

Einen besonderen Hinweis hier noch auf den kommenden sportlichen Grossanlass in Suedafrika die S.A. Games wo bestimmt an Anlaessen auch einiges Schweizer-deutsch zu hoeren sein wird, naemlich am Samstag 16. Mai anlaesslich des Schwingen im Wanderers Club Johannesburg und am Dienstag 12. Mai Handball im Good Hope Centre Kapstadt, am Die. 19. Mai, Curling im Carlton Ice Rink in Johannesburg unsere Sportsmaenner zaehlen auf die Unterstuetzung der Landsleute.

Immer noch auf der sportlichen Seite, die Suedafrikanischen Schwinger werden Ende Mai in die Schweiz reisen um dort an verschiedenen Anlaessen, z.B. Aargauisch und Waadtlaendisch Kantonalen Schwingfest teilzunehmen und hoffentlich auch mit dem begehrten Kranz aurueckkehren.

As will be noted the "Guide" of the Swiss Review is expanding all the time, proving the need for such a service. Many new entries this time, also an Art Gallery - Gallery 21 (sorry about the delay). Wish to send Proteas to your friends overseas,

contact: Bergflora - Watch repairs in Cape Town - J.J. Fehrmann. The Engineering sections has been especially active and has been divided up into Mechanical and Electrical - *new entries here are:*

Plastomaxee - Ampliform - Edwing Roth & Co. - Phasecon - AMP Tooling - Hymatic and Bartlett Electrical.

All the entries in the Guide and the Display adverts deserve your special support. Some new ones here will be of interest to many i.e. Swiss Burglar Alarms and Encounter Overland.

There is still space for more. The charges are very reasonable - so why not make use of the entry form today! We take this opportunity in wishing all the readers a very Happy Easter!

*Aurevoir!  
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## Swiss Male Choir Johannesburg

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The Maynardville Community Chest Carnival on 26/28 Febr. was a great success. The Swiss Community with the selling of Rosenkuchen, Bratwurst, the Beiz and many other items raised R21 800 for charity - a tremendous result. Congratulations and thanks to all the helpers. A new Committee of the Swiss Social & Sports Club was elected at the AGM as follows:

President: B.W. Ruegg  
 Secretary: N. Deutschmann  
 Treasurer: B. Buser  
 Bar: W. Speissegger  
 & Liquor: H. Ammann  
 Advertising: E. Zuercher  
 Editors of the Bulletin: H & H Bucher.

A yearly programme has been worked out by the Committee and the Main events as are follows, but many more functions will be organised by the various subsections i.e. Tennis, Soccer, etc. — details are published in the monthly Club Bulletin. One more reason to become a member of the Club today.

The events for 1981.

19 April: Easter Picnic at Jonkerhoek, a family event with lots of entertainment for the children.  
 1. May: Maifest with dancing at the Club House Greenpoint.

12. May: Handball at Good Hope Centre, S.A. Games.

5. June: Monthly functions with good food and wine.

27 June: Beginn of 1st August Celebrations with a lunch at the Arthurs Seat Hotel.

31. July: National Day Dinner-Dance at the Arthurs Seat Hotel.

2. Aug: Soccer Braai at the Club Grounds Greenpoint - a family event.

17/18 Oct: IFA - Soccer Day.

7/8 Nov. Soccer Gruempeltturnier.

4. Dec. Baenzeljass.

6. Dec: Xmas Tree for the Children.

The **Soccer** Season starts this year on 12th April and finishes 27th September.

The **Tennis** Club reports that during the winter months mainly social Tennis is being played. It is also anticipated that during May - Aug. courts will be resurfaced.

Now is the time to mark all the dates on the calendar to make sure that you are part of the social and cultural life of the Swiss Community in the Western Province. New members are always welcome.

The dates of the next shooting competition of the Swiss Rifle Club Cape Town are as follows:

April 4th: 1st Match .22.

April 11th: (Parliamentary shoot)

April 25th: Obligatorisch Feldschiessen  
 Eidg. Einzelwettschiessen

May: League Team.

June 6th: Feldschiessen.

A list of the 1980 results and highlights of the yearly report will be published in the next issue.



## JOHANNESBURG

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Nachtraeglich nochmals die besten Glueckwuensche an den **Swiss Rifle Club Johannesburg** der 1980 sein 25. Jubilaeum feiern konnte, wir verweisen auch auf die Speziale Publikation der Resultate an einer anderen Stelle in dieser Review. Unter der umsichtigen leitung seines Praesidenten Kari Schmid wird der Rifle Club noch manches erfolgreiches Jahr vor sich haben. Die naechsten Schiess Daten sind wie folgt:

25. April: 1. Obligatorische Uebung

16. Mai: Adliswil Schiessen

30. Mai: Eidg. Einzelwettschiessen.

Zuercher und St. Gallerstich  
 Beginn jeweils 10.00 Uhr - Wes Kommando Rifle Range.

**Helvetia Handball Club** der Treffpunkt aller Schweizer Sportler in Johannesburg, siehe auch seperates Inserat, ein Klub der sich durch seine sport- und gesellschaftliche Taetigkeit auszeichnet und auch Ihre Unterstuetzung verdient. **Swiss Ladies Club**, Johannesburg - a lot of good work is being done by this group and regular meetings are held, all at the Swiss Club, Johannesburg. The dates for the next few months are as follows:

23 April: Tea/Bingo 10.15 am.

21 May: Lunch 11.00 am.

25 June: Tea 10.15 am.

Further information can be obtained from Tel. (011) 784-2526.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society the following new Committee was elected:

President: A. Schenkel

Vice Pres.: K. Gutknecht

Treasurer: Mrs. J. Schueck

Assessors: H. Uttiger

R. Mueller

R. Wider

**Choeur Romands:** The only mixed Swiss Choir in Southern Africa meets regularly for rehearsals and invites new members to join. Good companionship is part of our activities, soon we will be appearing at some concerts - why not give us a ring at 788-2808. The new **Swiss Golf Champion** in Johannesburg is John Piguët, with Max Schmieder, A. Bossert and H. Flueler runners up. For more information ring Max Schmieder at 23-5605 who will tell you about that other great scottish game **Curling**, which is played every Thursday evening at 7,30 p.m. at Horizon Ice Rink, with lots of Swiss taking part!

At the AGM of the **Swiss Male Choir** Alfred Hofmaenner was elected an Honorary Member and he and all the other Choir members will be pleased to welcome you at the Concert Dinner Dance at the Carlton Hotel on 9th May - see also seperate announcement.

Die **Stadtmission Johannesburg**. Tel. 614-5081 organisiert ein Ostercamp auch fuer Teenagers fom 13 - 20 April. Interessenten koennen sich bei obiger Nummer erkundigen.

Fuer die **Skifahrer** noch eine gute Nachricht: bald wird eine neue Plasticpiste von 180 meter Laenge in Johannesburg eroeffnet, South African Ski Federation. Tel. 616-2608 erteilt weitere Auskunft.



## NATAL

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The Annual General Meeting took place on the 14th March at the Umhlanga Sands Hotel. Any changes in the committee and the full yearly programme will be published here in the next issue of the Review. A note can be made of the next shooting events which will be on:

4 April: Einzelwettschiessen

9 May: St. Galler Schiessen

at Hammarsdale Rifle Range.

And then the big event:

**2 May Republic Festival Celebrations in Pietermaritzburg**, the Alexander Park will be the place where the Voelkerfest takes place and the Swiss Community will have a Swiss Chalet-Beiz, with lots to eat and drink and as a great attraction the Swiss Male Choir from Johannesburg.

The Choir will arrive on the evening of Friday 1st of May and stay with us until Sunday 3rd May.

This certainly brings back the "good old times" of the Swiss Festivals in Pietermaritzburg, and it is hoped to have as many compatriots present as possible on 2nd May.

From the most interesting bulletin of the Natal Swiss Club, also learned of the great success of the Schuetzenfest on 6th September, ca. 200 visitors. Also the Family shoot in December won by Annelies Frei - Ladies, and Phil Stevens - Men. Sad to learn of the passing away of Anton Meier and Sid Jameson.

Looking forward to the opening of the "Switzerland" Restaurant, at the Fairhaven, South Beach.



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During the month of February 1981 the OFS has certainly become a most important meeting place for the traditional Swiss Sports, and it was the Town of Harrismith where the first Bergschwinget took place on the 28th Febr. 1981. The grounds of the Sir Harry Motel placed at the disposal of the Sportsmen by J.T. Young was an ideal setting and a good number of spectators watched the various competitions - the results of which were as follows:

#### Schwingen - Swiss Wrestling:

1.	Gerrie Oppermann	Pretoria
2 (a)	P. Lloyd	Alberton
2 (b)	J. Swart	Germiston
3.	H. Niederberger	Switzerland
4.	V. Joubert	Ladysmith
5.	Charles Henig	Harrismith

#### Juniors:

1.	Terence Davie	
2.	Wessels Coetzee - both	Harrismith
3.	Theunis Smith	Pretoria

#### Steinstossen - Stone Tossing

(45 kg. Stone)

1.	J. Swart	3.60 metres
2.	P. Lloyd	3.10
3.	G. Oppermann	3.00
4.	C. Henig sen.	2.40
5.	J. Smith	2.30

#### Tug - O War — Toutrek

Harrismith wins with 2 : 1 against the Schwinger Team (reinforced)

It will probably become an annual event, and it is hoped to have many more Swiss - also from Natal attending the next meeting.



## PRETORIA

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Der Swiss Club Alpina kann mit Genugtuung auf die im vergangenen Jahr durchgeführten Anlässe zurückblicken. Wegen Rückwanderung hat die Mitgliederzahl leider weiter abgenommen und so zählt unser Verein zur Zeit noch 76 eingeschriebene Aktive.

An der diesjährigen Generalversammlung vom 23.2 im Deutschen Verein Pretoria hat der Vorstand die anwesenden Mitglieder über diesen Trend informiert. Trotzdem waren sich die meisten darüber einig, dass ein vielseitiges Jahresprogramm, das jedem Geschmack etwas zu bieten vermag, wiederum angeboten werden sollte. Im folgenden sei kurz der neu gewählte Vorstand sowie das Jahresprogramm 1981 vorgestellt:

Präsident:	H. Wolf
Vize-Präsident:	K. Herzog
Kassierin:	H. Grossenbacher
Sekretärin:	H. Wolf
Beisitzer	H. Haller
	R. Grossenbacher
	H. Ruch

#### Jahresprogramm 1981.

11. April:	Kegelabend Halfway House, 20.00 Uhr.
9. Mai:	Dinner Dance des Männer-

13. Juni:	chors Johannesburg. Käsefondue bei Fam. Walliser.
Juli:	Filmabend im Deutschen Klub.
26. Juli:	1. Augustfeier im Fountains-valley, mit Schwingfest.
(ev. 1.8.81)	
19. Sept.	Kegelabend Halfway House, 20.00 Uhr.
Okt.:	Picknick an einem Damm Nähe Pretoria.
28. Nov.	Weihnachtsfeier Colombas Church.

Als besondere Gäste und neue Mitglieder durften wir Herrn Dr. Kaiser und seine Ehefrau begrüßen. Herr Dr. Kaiser ist neuer Erster Sekretär an der Botschaft in Pretoria und hat die Nachfolge von Dr. Bodenmüller angetreten.

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There will definitely be a National Day Celebration in Port Elizabeth this year, negotiations are still in progress about the venue, this and the exact date of the function will be given in the next issue of the Review.

In the meantime of course, we meet on the last Thursday of every month at the Walmer Country Club, for an informal get together and newcomers are always very welcome.

The Editor of the Review would also be very pleased to receive perhaps some news from the Swiss Missionaries in the Transkei, as such a contact would also be of great value to the Swiss Historical Reseachers.

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Vorerst noch die genauen Daten des Besuches der **AFRO GUGGE - Guggenmusik** der Swiss Festival Society - Johannesburg, nach Suedwest

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**April**

Rueckkehr nach Johannesburg **Sonntag**

**3. Mai**

Die ca. 20 Musikanten aus Johannesburg werden also eine Woche als Gaeste der Wir wünschen Ihm und seiner Gattin einen schönen Aufenthalt in S.A.

Suedwester Karnevals Gesellschaft in Windhoek sein, und am Karneval an verschiedenen Plaetzen auftreten, und dem Windhoeker Publikum auch etwas besonderes bieten.

Es wird auch genug Zeit uebrig bleiben um sich mit den Landsleuten in Suedwest zu treffen und sich naeher kennen zu lernen.

Auskunft kann von obiger Nummer erfahren werden.

Nun aber noch die Daten der Schiess Sektion des Schweizer Club Suedwestafrika fuer die kommenden Monate:

	<b>Gewehr:</b>	<b>Pistolen:</b>
April 25:	Uebung-schiessen (B - Schiebe)	Uebung-schiessen
Mai 23:	Feldschiessen	Feldschiessen 50 m
Juni 20:	Obligat. Programm	Bundesprogr. 50 m.

Alle Schiessen beginnen punkt 14.00 Uhr, Neue Mitglieder sind jederzeit herzlich willkommen und koennen sich beim Schiessleiter B. Matthiesn melden, Treffpunkt: Hamman Skietbann.

Daten ueber weitere Anlasse des Klubs und der Schweizerkolonie werden in der naechsten Ausgabe erscheinen, wir freuen uns auch jederzeit ueber Vorschlaege zum Jahresprogramm.

**Annual General Meeting** takes place on **Friday 24th April** at M & Z Restaurant, Windhoek.



## SWAZILAND

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It seems that quite a few new Swiss Immigrants have arrived in the country and the above would be pleased to hear from them. How about getting together to celebrate the Swiss National Day? The Holiday Inn at Enzulweni might be a good venue, but lets hear suggestions from you compatriots and we hope to give some more details next time.

The Swiss History Researchers have asked us for any details of early Swiss Pioneers in Swaziland. After all the first British Missionaries arrived in the country in 1844 - certain J. Allison and R. Giddy and they opened a Church and School in Mahamba. the first permanent settlers came in about 1880, and there might have been Swiss amongst them. Any information can be sent to Box 3626, Jhb. 2000.



## LESOTHO

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The husband of Mrs. Edith Weijnen-Muellerr was recalled on an assignment to Europe, and after a short spell as the correspondent of The Swiss Review, Mrs. Weijnen had to relinquish the task. We thank her and wish her and her family success.



Mr. Armon Hartmann - quite a few years in Lesotho, has kindly agreed to let us have some news for the Review. We also congratulate him on his appointment as correspondent for the Swiss Consulate General of Johannesburg. His address and phone number are given above. Unfortunately sad news has reached us of the passing away of two compatriots, Mr. Haenni of the Lesotho NDC and Mrs. Reichenbach of Mt. Tabor Mission, who

died in a tragic accident when crossing a flooded river. To their families and friends our condolences.

The weather in Lesotho has been exceptionally wet, in three months nearly the annual average rain has fallen on the country, and caused a lot of damage - soil and erosion in the treeless mountains and road damages which has made many a traveller an improvised road-builder. Armon Hartmann would be pleased to

hear from you of any news you feel you would like to have published on the Swiss colony in Lesotho and also of suggestions how to celebrate our National Day and make it a big success.

From the Swiss History, Johannesburg, we have been asked if the Evangelical Church, Morija which appears on the 4 s. Lesotho Postage Stamp, 1980 Xmas series, is the original Mission Church, can anybody help with some information?



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In his session of 28th January 1981, the Swiss Federal Council decided to implement the law pertaining to the opening of a Diplomatic Mission in Zimbabwe, consequently the Swiss Representation in Salisbury was elevated to the status of an Embassy as from the 15th February, 1981. At the same time Mr. Andre Simon has been appointed Chargé D' Affaires of Switzerland.

Dr. Hans Miesch, former Swiss Ambassador, resident in Nairobi, has asked the Swiss Representation in Salisbury to publish the following message:

*Dear Compatriots,*

*Following my nomination as Ambassador in Dublin, Ireland, I left Kenya at the end of December, having quite recently been appointed Ambassador in Zimbabwe. I did not have the opportunity of meeting you, what I sincerely regret. The more heartier are my wishes for prosperity which I send you dear compatriots, in my personal name as well as my wife's with my very friendly greetings.*

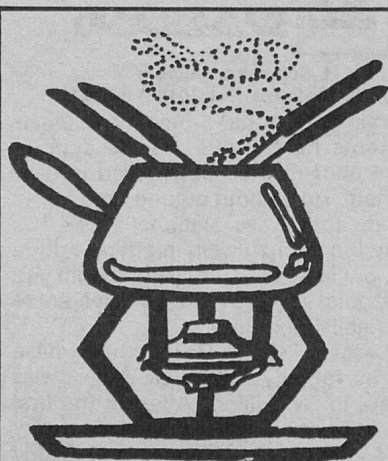
*H. Miesch.*

**Some news from the Swiss Club Salisbury:**

On Saturday 28th February 1981, the Annual General Meeting took place and the Committee was elected as follows:

*President:* R. Schellenbaum *Vicepres.:* - M. Baumann *Secretary:* - Miss. C. Oberli *Treasurer:* B. Haessig *Assessors:* I. Schiesser, A. Marti, W. Burkhard.

On 14th March **Fasnacht** was celebrated with a "Gruempelball", and this Edition of the Review might be in time to let you know of the weekend outing to **Umtali on April 4/5**, where the "Wise Owl Hotel" under Swiss Management will be the Port-O-Call. And don't forget **Preisjassen** and other events will start soon at the Club. Details follow in the next issue.



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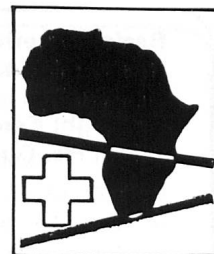
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