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Two Swiss Names on the Canadian Map

Most of us have heard that the town of Stettler in the province Alberta bears the name of a Swiss pioneer. However, few are aware that Saskatchewan has two lakes which bear Swiss names.

Lake Couturier in northern Saskatchewan was named after a Swiss compatriot who died in Regina during the summer of 1991 at the age of 95 years. Joseph Couturier was born in Chermignon, Valais, into a family of eleven children. He came to Canada in 1924 and worked in the hotel industry in Vancouver and later in Regina. He was a charter member of the Saskatchewan Fish and Game Protection Association as well as a life member of the Regina Wildlife Federation and a member of the Regina Natural History Society. To honor him for his dedication to conservation, the province of Saskatchewan named Lake Couturier after him in 1980.

Lake Zuenti is the namesake of the second generation Swiss-Canadian, James Zuenti. The lake is located in the La Ronge Park, in northern Saskatchewan.

The name Zuenti originates from Eschenbach, canton Lucerne. From there, two brothers Zuenti set out to homestead in Saskatchewan shortly after the turn of the century. The Zuenti brothers, Jakob and Caspar, who were soon joined by their Swiss wives, proceeded to have 27 children combined. For years the two Zuenti families, who lived as neighbours, were a Swiss farming

colony all by themselves. The language spoken at home was the Swiss German dialect of Eschenbach. Today, all of the surviving children, most of whom are now at retirement age, still speak Swiss German. All of them can play "Jass" and everyone can sing a variety of Swiss songs by heart, even though most of them never were in Switzerland before age fifty.

Jakob Zuenti's fourth child, James Zuenti, who was born on February 2, 1916, was a pilot with the Canadian Air Force during the second world war. Flying a Lancaster bomber during the Allied raid on Berlin his plane was one of 73 aircrafts shot down that night, November 25, 1943. His plane exploded on impact and James Zuenti was killed instantly. His bodily remains are resting in the Canadian cemetery of Berlin.

By naming the lake after James Zuenti, the Canadian Government honored James' deeds as an army pilot, an honor which was bestowed on most of the Canadian air force pilots who lost their lives in action during the second world war.

At the time he died, 27 years old, James Zuenti had never set foot on Switzerland. Nevertheless, he had a deep respect for his parents' homeland. He was also able to speak Swiss German fluently and he could have beaten you and me at a game of Jass.

Louise Grassman

The Consul General of Switzerland

Dear Compatriots,

After a stay of more than four years, my term of duty as Consul General of Switzerland has come to an end. My wife Margrit and I have left Canada at the end of September, heading for our new posting in Manchester, England.

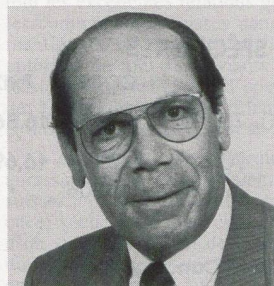
It has been a privilege and pleasure to be associated with the Swiss Communities in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan and to have met so many of you personally. I only regret that I could not visit every corner of this vast consular district to greet those of you who live so far away from the greater centres.

I wish to convey to you my affection and high esteem for all of you who play such an important role in fostering the excellent relations that exist between Canada and Switzerland. By your deeds and words, you are the true representatives of Switzerland, helping to put a decisive stamp on the positive picture that Canadians have formed of our country.

My wife joins me in thanking you for your support and the many courtesies we received and in wishing you good health and prosperity for the future.

Toronto, September 1992

Sincerely yours,
Ernst Keller



My wife Marie-Louise and I are looking forward to this new episode in our professional as well as private lives. A period we are certain already to enjoy in a country we appreciate and love and where we have left a good many friends since our posting in Ottawa from 1974 to 1978. We will try to soon find the time to visit each of the Swiss clubs or associations and in this way meet as many compatriots as possible.

We are both Vaudois from Lausanne, therefore French speaking, but confident that our contacts in Schwyzerdütsch will be positive, too!

À bientôt!

Claude Duboulet

The "Local News" of the Swiss Review give me the opportunity to inform you, Dear Compatriots in Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, that I have been appointed successor to Consul General Ernst Keller, as from October this year.

A Saskatchewan Swiss was part of the Canadian Olympic Team

Our own club member, Kaspar Wirz, was the official wax technician of the Canadian Olympic biathlon team. With his wax technique Canada won a bronze medal for the women. Kaspar himself waxed Myriam Bédard's skis, who won the medal in spite of two shooting errors. And the Canadian biathlon men's team improved its performance from a 1988 Olympic best of 45th to 8th in Albertville. Kaspar Wirz, now 40 years old, himself used to be medal winner in the Canadian biathlon competitions just two short years ago. We are proud of him and the only regret is that he discovered his talents only in his late thirties.



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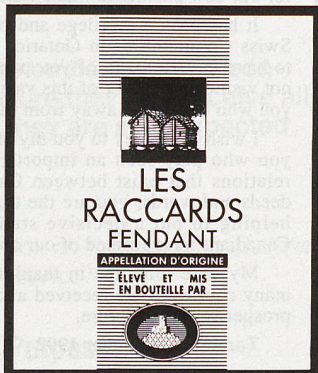
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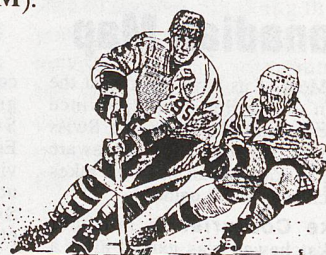
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La Landwehr de Genève



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Le corps de musique de Landwehr de Genève a marqué la participation officielle de la communauté suisse aux fêtes du 350e anniversaire de Montréal lors d'un concert d'une qualité exceptionnelle le 5 septembre à la place Berry. Grâce à une participation substantielle du Comité Célébration CH-91, cette manifestation a établi un lien direct entre le 700e anniversaire de notre pays et le 350e de Montréal.

À l'occasion de cette visite M. Dominique Föllmi, Conseiller d'État de la République et Canton de Genève a signé le livre d'or de la Ville de Montréal lors d'une réception à l'Hôtel de Ville.

La Landwehr était également l'hôte de la Société Suisse Romande le 6 septembre à St-Jean et du Restaurant le Vieux Munich le lundi de la fête du travail.

Un gros merci à M. Gilbert Devantéry pour l'organisation impeccable de cette visite

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Liebe Landsleute,
Chers compatriotes,

Mit der Ernennung zum Generalkonsul in Paris geht meine Amtszeit in Montreal im September zu Ende. Obwohl sich meine Familie und ich über diese unerwartete Versetzung freuen, fällt uns der Abschied von Montreal, von Quebec, von den Atlantikprovinzen, kurz - vom geliebten Kanada - recht schwer. Wir verbrachten hier eine sehr glückliche Zeit, wo wir viele liebenswürdige Menschen kennenlernten und unzählige Freundschaften schlossen, die uns für immer mit diesem einzigartigen Land verbinden werden. Meine Kinder werden Montreal, das ihnen derart viel geboten hat, besonders vermissen. Ich bin dem Departement für auswärtige Angelegenheiten dankbar, dass ich die Schweiz hier vertreten und meinen bescheidenen Beitrag zur Festigung der freundschaftlichen Bande zwischen den fünf Provinzen und unserem Land leisten durfte.

Die Versetzung an die Ufer der Seine, wo mich keine leichte aber umso faszinierendere Aufgabe erwartet, bedeutet eine nicht alltägliche Herausforderung, welcher ich mich nach Montreal gerne stelle. Sie können sich leicht ausmalen, dass eine 30'000 Seelen umfassende Schweizerkolonie - übrigens die grösste auf der Welt - an einen Grossbetrieb wie Paris besondere Anforderungen stellt.

Si je tente de faire le bilan de mon séjour ici, je retiens avant tout les excellentes relations que j'ai eu le plaisir d'entretenir avec les communautés suisses dans l'Est du Canada. J'aimerais aussi mentionner la cordialité qui a caractérisé mes rapports avec les autorités de tous les niveaux gouvernementaux. Et, last but not least, je tiens à souligner l'hospitalité proverbiale des Montréalais, des Québécois en général, leur chaleur humaine, dont ma famille et moi avons bénéficié tout au long de notre séjour.

L'événement qui a marqué le plus mon activité à Montréal aura sans doute été le 700ème anniversaire de la Confédération suisse. Je n'oublierai jamais cette unique et extraordinaire expérience, vécue avec des compatriotes hautement motivés et animés d'un seul désir, celui de donner à cet événement historique une dimension exceptionnelle et digne de notre Patrie. J'adresse un dernier grand merci à tous ceux et celles qui ont consacré une partie de leur précieux temps à cette célébration.

Permettez-moi de saisir cette occasion pour remercier le comité des diverses associations suisses, le Conseil d'administration de la Chambre de commerce canado-suisse, ainsi que les membres des milieux culturels, économiques et autres de l'importante contribution qu'ils apportent au rayonnement de la Suisse au Québec et dans les Provinces Atlantiques. Mes remerciements vont également à mes collaborateurs et au Consul Jean-Pierre Beltrami pour le soutien qu'ils m'ont prodigué dans l'exercice de mes fonctions.

Ich verabschiede mich von Ihnen in der Hoffnung, dereinst nach Kanada zurückzukehren, wo es für meine Familie und mich noch so manches zu entdecken gilt. Ihnen allen wünsche ich für die Zukunft viel Erfolg, Glück und vor allem gute Gesundheit.

Montreal, Ende August 1992

Herman Buff
Schweizerischer Generalkonsul

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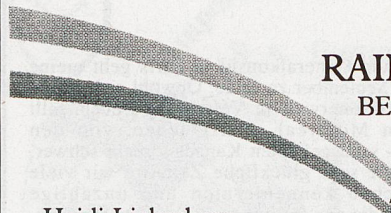
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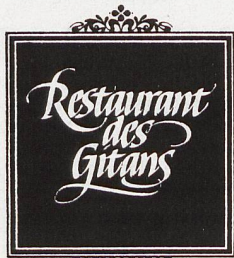
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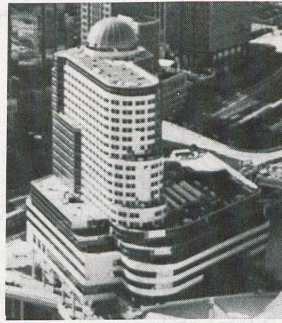
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Die beiden Schweizer Studenten, Martin Tobler und Felix Schenker führen von August 1992 bis Februar 1993 ein Forschungsprojekt im Rahmen ihrer Lizentiatsarbeiten durch. Ihr Interesse gilt dabei den Auslandschweizerinnen und Auslandschweizern in British Columbia.

Die Beiden studieren am Soziologischen Institut der Universität Zürich. Der Leiter des Instituts, Prof. Dr. Hoffmann-Nowotny gilt weltweit als einer der führenden Experten im Zusammenhang mit Emigrationsfragen. Bisher wurde am Institut hauptsächlich die Emigration aus Dritt-Welt-Ländern und die Gastarbeiterproblematik untersucht.

Im Projekt von Martin Tobler und Felix Schenker geht es für einmal um einen ganz anderen Aspekt der Auswanderung. Sie gehen den Fragen nach, weshalb Schweizer und Schweizerinnen auswandern, wie es ihnen dabei ergangen ist, wie es ihnen in Kanada gefällt, und was sie über ihre "alte Heimat" denken.

Gerade nach dem Jubeljahr 700 Jahre Eidgenossenschaft dürfte es

interessant sein zu erfahren, was für ein Verhältnis die Auslandschweizer zur Heimat haben. Befragt werden Personen, die seit 1970 nach British Columbia emigrierten und die seit mindestens zwei Jahren ihren festen Wohnsitz in British Columbia haben.

Es ist möglich, dass Auslandschweizer, die diese Bedingungen erfüllen, demnächst von den Beiden angefragt werden, ob sie sich bereiterklären würden, dieses interessante Projekt zu unterstützen, indem sie sich für ein Interview zur Verfügung stellen. Martin Tobler und Felix Schenker möchten 200 Personen in ganz British Columbia persönlich befragen. Leserinnen und Leser, die sich für ein Interview zur Verfügung stellen möchten, werden gebeten sich direkt zu melden bei:

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- Michelle Humbel, Karin Plattner, Michael Rechsteiner, Alex Joehl.
- Daniel Pruger, 26 points.
- Richard Whittle, Rolfy Bruhlhart, Shane Simpor, Patrick Rechsteiner, all 25 points.

The Consul General of Switzerland

Dear Compatriots,

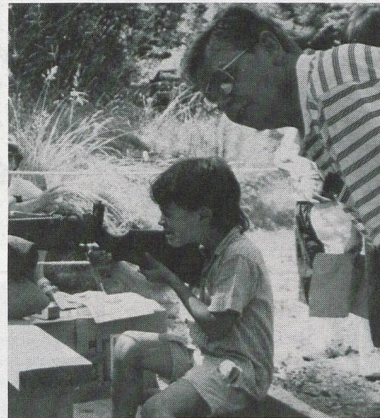
I take great pleasure in informing the Swiss community in Western Canada of my new assignment as Consul General of Switzerland in Vancouver. My wife and I have recently arrived in Canada and are looking forward to get more acquainted with customs and traditions of this great and fascinating country.



We hope to meet you soon and wish you all — whether you live in British Columbia, Alberta, the Yukon or the Northwest Territories — good health, happiness and success.

Sincerely yours,

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- Michael Hauser, 54 points. He won the SBB train set.
- Andrew Seebaran, 48 points.
- Stefan Plattner, 45 points.

TEAMS, one male, one female.

- Hedy Rauh & Lorne Mason, 110 points.
- Josef & Marion Pruger, 107 points.
- Ernst & Veronica Eichenberger, 102 points (Ernst is our Consul).

ADULTS. True to equal rights policy male and female persons competed in one category. Among the 10 competitors, 5 were females. No one will ever dare to call them the weaker sex. Adult Championship. 5 shots on a 20 point target, the best 3 shots count, distance about 100 feet. The "BULLS EYE" is the size of a cherry pit.

- Erika Humbel, 59 points. Winner of a \$50.00 Gift Certificat at "ZEPPON'S" Restaurant.
- Shared by Lorne Mason, Florence Hidber, Sonja Farago, Mark Gluck, all with 58 points.
- Mireya Bruhlhart, 57 points.

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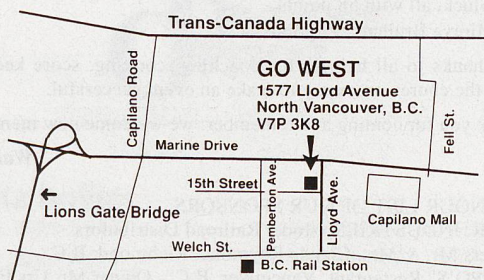


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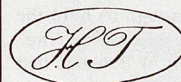
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Swiss Club Matterhorn Calgary, Alberta

With August 1st falling on a long weekend Saturday, the SCM Executive followed the suggestion of the Canmore/Banff Swiss Community and agreed to celebrate our National Day in the beautiful setting of the Kananaskis Guest Ranch.

This was a welcome change from recent August 1st celebrations, where hardworking members had put so much effort into organizing a topnotch event only to find out that despite increased membership attendance was down year after year.

For myself the idea of a camping/hiking weekend took on extra meaning, because as one of the founders of the Swiss Alberta Landsgemeinde I am still a bit saddened that a tradition which the Swiss Clubs of Calgary and Edmonton had maintained for almost 2 decades may have come to an end.

However what we were fortunate to experience this Heritage Day weekend will maybe in the future take the place of the Landsgemeinde and I am confident that by spreading the word many more compatriots may feel compelled to join us, if in fact a new tradition has been born this year . . . ?

Although the invitation called for Saturday, Sunday & Monday, a few

"diehards" had already arrived late Friday and were spared the ugly hailstorm that ravaged in Calgary that night.

On Saturday night, 99 meals were served and the Roastbeef Dinner was excellent and plentiful. We were fortunate to have two renowned visiting entertainers among the guests who joined Andy Steuri in playing the "Schwyzeroergeli". Thanks to the reinforcement by twin Hostettlers brothers from the Jodlerklub Kapstadt, our 7 Jodlers in attendance agreed to perform some songs. Later the fire inside the donut tent was lit and, as tradition has it, Bob Scherle led the childrens lampion parade which was followed by a sing-a-long that lasted until 2 o'clock.

On Sunday morning the Canmore/Banff Swiss Business Community offered a free Pancake Breakfast. What a treat! Everyone was invited to eat to their hearts content and I would like to extent a warm thankyou to all the sponsors and cooks! Following breakfast, games were organized for the children, most teens went Horsebackriding and the rest of us started out on two different hikes.

It was a great weekend, lets do it again next year!



August 1, 1992 — Swiss Club Matterhorn, Calgary

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1. The cousin, Hans Wegmüller-Halseth, born 4-14-1900 in Berne, married to Inga Halseth on 8-10-1940 in Red Deer, Canada, or his children Rose Ann Elise, born 6-9-1941, Carol Lee, born 10-2-1942, Sonya Faye, born 1-28-1944, and John Wilfred, born 4-2-1945.
2. The cousin, Emma Thalmer-Wegmüller, born 12-7-1983 in Berne, married to Johann Ernst Thalmer on 10-27-1923 in Stettler, Canada, or her children.
3. The cousin, Emil Maag, born 1-20-1885, had resided in 1976 in Long Beach, California, or his children.
4. The cousin, Emil Brandenberger, born 11-14-1893, had resided in 1939 in Chicago, or his children.

Persons deriving their hereditary succession from the persons named above are herewith requested to report within a period of one year, counted from the publication of this notice, to the undersigned estate office, with simultaneous presentation of proof of ancestry, from which the relationship is evident.

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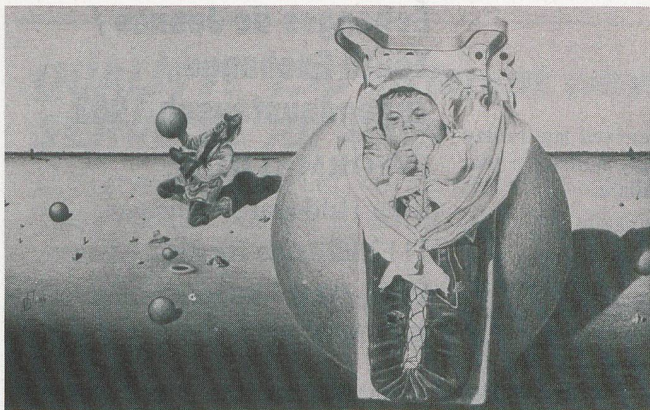
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Klein-Kaliberschiessen 18 & 25 October 1992

Da am 1. August das Kleinkaliberschiessen des schlechten Wetters wegen nicht durchgeführt werden konnte, findet diese am 18. und 25. Oktober auf dem Militärschiessplatz in St-Bruno statt. Schiesszeiten ist an beiden Tagen von 9:00 bis 17:00. Gegrillte Wuerste, Kaffee und alkoholfreie Getraeke auf dem Schiessplatz erhaeltlich.

ZWEI KRANZABZEICHEN ZU GEWINNEN

1. Kantonsbote von Schaffhausen aus der Serie Kantonsboten der 13 alten Kantone.
2. 10 August 1792 Gedenkschiessen (Niedermachung des Schweizergarderegiments bei der Verteidigung der Tuilleries in Paris am 10. August 1792.

Wer schon in Sutton geloest hatte kann die Passen in St-Bruno schiessen oder auch Rueckerstattung des Betrages erhalten.

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Tir au petit calibre (22) 18 & 25 octobre 1992

En raison du mauvais temps le 1er août à Sutton, le traditionnel tir au petit calibre n'a pas pu avoir lieu et a été remis aux 18 et 25 octobre au champ de tir militaire à St-Bruno. Les deux jours le tir commencera à 9:00 et se terminera à 17:00. Des saucisses grillées, du café et des liqueurs douces seront disponibles.

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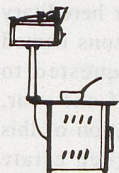
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