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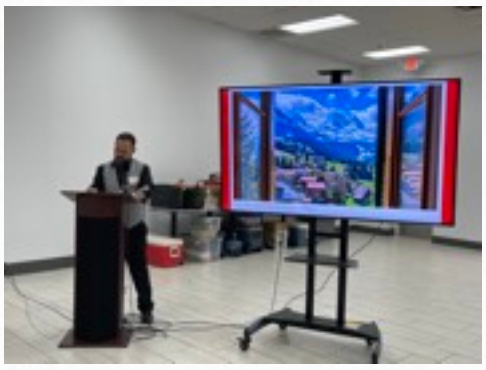


Braunwald

First of August celebration on July 31, 2022 at the Martin Auto Museum



On a blistering Sunday, at the expanded Martin Auto Museum's new location in Glendale AZ, what a fun place the minute you walked in, for kids and adults, to see those fancy old cars.



Music from home is how we knew we were in the right room with Swiss Flags on every table. Red and White looking fabulous, some of us feeling a bit homesick. A huge TV monitor screen with pictures from Switzerland flashing by. The buffet/style lunch was most enjoyable; the Vegetarian wrap moist and perfect with the red/blend wine, I should have gone back for more!



57 Swiss Society members (including Austria, Germany and Belgium) had a fantastic time. Thank you, Edouard and Alain, for all your pictures oh and Sibylle too. DANKE Kurt Schittli for the yearly, well received Quiz (all about cars.)

A special Thanks goes to Anthony, our President, at his Best that day. The evening before the event Anthony came up with the quiz for kids, he called the Swiss Slideshow Challenge. Picture here where the kids are lined up **7 children, Sven, Finn, Sedona, Fiona, Adrian, Ryan & Kalea participated (Ages 4 to 18).** The prizes were an assortment of candies and chocolates that they could choose from in order of who won the quiz. **Fiona and Sedona** had the best result! and Fiona ended up winning with a tie-break question at the end. Everyone received something before they headed to the vintage carousel and game room for kids and teens.





A moment for the heart at the luncheon's end when **Anthony** handed **Lew and Trudy Wells** a bouquet of roses mixed with other flowers. DANKE Anthony, for the Swiss Club's wishes for our Goldene Hochzeit, 50 years together in marriage.

















Celebrating 60th Wedding Anniverseary

















Congratulation to Elsbeth and Max !
The Festli **celebrating for Elsbeth & Max's 60th Wedding Anniversary**, with 85 guests, took place in Grand Style at the Grand Hotel Victoria-Jungfrau, in Interlaken on October 13, 2022. The celebration was complete with a divine buffet featuring some of the regions finest, Raclette, Roast Beef, Bauernschinken and a Chocolate Fountain. Der Wein war Fein from the Thunersee and Valais! Also, there was a lot of dancing with Ruedi Von Gunten's Dixieland Jazz Band and many beautiful speeches from family and cherished friends. We learned a lot about the couple from «Das Ehepaar Spiel» and had many laughs and cheers.

After celebrating all day, the couple traveled back home to Boenigen in Swiss Style with a horse drawn carriage ride.



Culture & Activities in Braunwald and Surrounding Region



Braunwald is a family-friendly summer and winter holiday resort on a sunny terrace in the Glarus Hinterland. The panoramic view to the south is dominated by the glaciated peak of the Tödi.

The ascent to the Klausen Pass, which links Glarus (the capital of canton Glarus) with central Switzerland, begins in the valley town of Linthal. After the first couple of sharp bends, the road reaches a broad plain, the Urnerboden. Although the Pass is still a long way up, you are already on the biggest Alp in Switzerland and on the soil of the central Swiss canton of Uri amidst 1200 grazing cows. According to legend, the people of Urn took the alp from the Glarus folk by trickery. A mountain path with a splendid view of the Tödi and Clariden mountains links the high plateau of Braunwald with the Urnerboden.





Braunwald holiday attractions include delightful themed trails, climbing, rose gardens and a family skiing area. The holiday resort can be reached by funicular railway from Linthal-Braunwaldbahn in 7 minutes.

Winter hikers have 20km of beautiful and well-prepared hiking trails, not to mention a snowshoeing trail, to explore at their leisure. The Grotzenbüel tobogganing run is sure to provide a whole lot of action and fun – no matter whether you are coasting down at a leisurely pace with your family, hurtling down with a pal seated behind you, or on a group excursion.



Exciting winter hikes through the fairytale Braunwald mountains with a panoramic view of Tödi, the Ortstock and other Glarner peaks. Also impressive: the ice gallery deep in the rock and the deepest valley in Switzerland.

Most of the 340 meters in altitude are covered in the first half to the Seblengrat: the winter hiking trail leads through light pine forests up to the «Chnügrat» vantage point. The higher, the more open the Glarner summit panorama with the Ortstock, Baunwald's local mountain, and the mighty Tödi (3614 m above sea level). Spectacular: the sight of the deepest valley in Switzerland; because there are almost 3000 meters of altitude difference between the highest Glarner mountain and the village of Linthal.



The route follows the ridge to the Seblengrat and past the rustic mountain restaurant. Impressive: the adventure ice gallery that connects the Seblengrat with the Gumen. The tunnel in the thick rock leads into an enchanting world full of icicles and ice crystals. The path climbs slightly up to the Gumen. In addition to the opportunity to stop off at the cozy mountain inn, one of the most beautiful vantage points in Glarnerland awaits you here. The highest point of the hike has been reached, now it's only downhill.

Activities in and Around Braunwald

Tobogganing



A sportive run exclusively tobogganing, for a thrilling 3 kilometer ride from Grotzenbüel via Grosssysten to the mid Hürrennberg station, is why both big and small enjoy a swinging time all the way to the bottom! And how about a taste of night tobogganing on a lit-up piste and warming fondue to round up the day! Evening sledging in Braunwald takes place on selected dates during the winter season. Fine fondue in the Chämistube mountain restaurant or a delicious mulled wine in the Gastrorollbar invite you to an adventurous night sledging experience.

Winter-Special for Children



As a certified family destination, Braunwald offers many other family highlights in addition to the family-friendly ski area. Plus: one of the best family hotels in Switzerland is in Braunwald: the Fairytale Hotel.
There are family-friendly slopes in the Braunwald ski area, with Kinderland Grotzenbüel and Kinderland Huttenberg two possibilities for a practice area. With the ski school Braunwald you have the best partner at your side when it comes to skiing.

Kinderland Hüttenberg



The new Kinderland has been in the middle of the Hüttenberg since the 2020/21 winter season. Where normally only the piste led back to the village, there is now a family oasis: two tow rope lifts take the little ones up the piste. Jumps, parcours and many cool practice opportunities make the children's area an adventurous and attractive place for families.

The Hüttenberg location is easy to reach: with the Niederschlacht-Hüttenberg gondola lift in a few minutes from the village or on foot, also in a few minutes.

Skiing



Around 30km of delightful pistes await young and old in Braunwald. For beginners, the practice slopes in Hüttenberg or Grotzenbüel are ideal for making those first turns on skis or a snowboard. Well-versed winter sports enthusiasts can explore the variety of pistes from blue to black in difficulty. Freeriders will also find plenty to like in Braunwald, and more specifically the Bächi Valley. As the sun only shines for a few short hours each day in winter, snow conditions are usually perfect with glorious powder.
Nearby, Amden/Weesen is a great skiing place, also for children.

WORLD CHEESE AWARD 2022





Urs Leuenberger from Vorderfultingen BE is the world champion and received the World Cheese Award 2022.

4,434 cheese specialties from 42 countries were represented at the World Cheese Awards on November 2nd and 3rd, 2022 in Newport/Wales (GB).

If you want to win the world championship title, you have to face 250 international judges. In a first step, the jury selects 98 so-called "Super Gold Champions". Of these, 16 candidates make it through to the finals. In the grand finale, only selected top jurors will judge the possible winner.

Switzerland and cheese are a love story, but also a success story. The Gourmino Le Gruyère AOP by Urs Leuenberger from the Vorderfultigen mountain cheese dairy near Bern was for the jurors clear, the winning cheese melts on the tongue and has a scent of herbs, fruits and leather and is very refined cheese. This is not just a respectable success, Leuenberger's Gruyère prevailed in Newport, Wales, against 4,433 cheeses from 42 countries. From "CNN" to "The Guardian" is reported worldwide.

The Protected Designation of Origin (AOP) recognizes a level of quality granted uniquely to typical products, deeply rooted in a region that gives it a specific character and an inimitable flavor. The AOP label guarantees the authenticity of products made according to traditional know-how.

The Gruyère AOP owes its name to the region of La Gruyère (Greyerzerland) in the Swiss canton of Fribourg. It has been made using the same traditional recipe since 1115. Today it is produced in the cantons of Fribourg, Vaud, Neuchâtel, Jura and in some municipalities in the canton of Bern. Le Gruyère AOP has been protected by an AOC since July 6, 2001. This designation has been recognized throughout Europe since December 2011 and was changed to "Appellation d'Origine Protégée" (Protected Designation of Origin, AOP). The entire production takes place according to the specifications required for all AOP products. The use of the Gruyère name is protected by numerous additional agreements in various countries around the world.



LE GRUYÈRE AOP FOR EVERY TASTE

After 6 to 9 months, the cheese is aromatic and smooth and just right for palates that prefer a mild flavor. After 10 months, the mature Le Gruyère AOP Réserve will impress all lovers of full bodied cheese. A few cheese wheels are matured for up to 18 or even 24 months. These will appeal to connoisseurs of particularly strongly flavored cheese. The maturation length may vary but the quality always remains outstanding!



Fall-Fest

Golden Eagle Park, Fountain Hills, Saguaro Ramadas, Saturday, October 29

A magnificent late October Saturday with the Arizona clear blue sky was to be a perfect day and time to have a Lunch Fall Picnic and seeing long-time friends, even 'Tucson' was present. Bratwursts, Sauerkraut and Cervelats enjoyed by everyone oh, and Raclette, the BEST — with a debut Cheese/helper Alexander (Jason's son) the Swiss Club's new Raclette/helper. (A natural!) A huge THANK YOU to ALL the volunteers!!!! What an excellent, super job they did and is greatly appreciated by all attending members. The Swiss Market was open for business. Flourishing as usual, and the yearly scholarship announcements, by Max, had some happy receivers.

Trudy Wells


































The Get-Together-Parties of the AZ Swiss Club are also for children. At this Event they had so much fun to decorate the Kürbise. The adults had fun playing BOCCA or simply socialize and talk to friends.



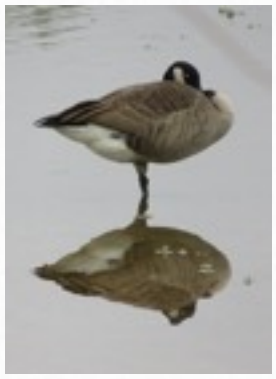





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First Swiss and Austrian Hike of the New Season on Sunday, October 16, 2022



This hike was in the Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch in Gilbert AZ. The preserve was created by the town of Gilbert to combine water resources, wildlife habitat (lots of birds), educational programs, and recreational opportunities.

The hike was on a flat easy trail with a lot of shade, views of the ponds and birds. It was a 2.8 mile loop for all skills.







Just published the dare-to-be different memoir from AZ Swiss Member Trudy Wells-Meyer

"Some Things Are Simply Meant to Be"



At a young age in Switzerland, hoping to live in a place that could change her life, coming to America became Trudy's all-encompassing dream.

She waited almost a year for a green card, then learned how truly fascinating life can become when she was offered a job at a well-established hair salon in Atlanta, Georgia, and later in Scottsdale, Arizona, where she met her husband, Lew.



Born in Wisconsin, Lew received training in electronics during six years in the Navy and went on to become an Aerospace engineer. Trudy says he's the smartest man she's ever known. Lew claims "Some Things are Simply Meant to Be" is "A work of art — reveals the key to happiness." Lew and Trudy found gold in Arizona ... each other.

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Gratulation!

**Solange Steadman, Claire Leffler,
Heidi Wolf and Sophie Singh**

have been awarded a 2022 Scholarship
from the
Arizona Swiss Foundation.

We are proud of these young well educated people.

Keep up the great work!





Get well soon

Kurt Schittli

He had surgery on his foot. We wish him fast healing.

Happy Birthday to
Hans Gamma and Urs Schwab

Hans was celebrating his 95th birthday in October and Urs his 99th birthday in August





The Jass Season has started

November 19 at the Zaugg residence in Fountain Hills
December 17 at Max and Elsbeth Haechler's residence in Paradise Valley
January 2023 at the Zaugg residence in Fountain Hills

If you have any questions, please contact Ueli Zaugg, 602 999 3835

Upcoming Events

RESERVE THE DATES

Christmas-Party



December 11, 2022



Annual Meeting

February 11, 2023



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year





Children's page
and young at heart

Christmas cookies: Aenisguetzli / Chraebeli



Ingredients

- 500 gr. Powdered sugar
- 5 Eggs
- 2 Tbsp Aenis
- ca. 500 gr. Flour rather more

Preparation

Beat the sugar and eggs until the sugar has dissolved.
Mix in the Aenis.
Finally sift in the flour and knead the dough lightly until it holds together.

Select and roll out and cut or make "Rugeli"
Place on a buttered and floured baking sheet.
Set aside in a slightly warm place overnight.
Bake the next day over low heat.



They should still be white on the upper side and have small feet underneath.

Recipe from my mother! These are my favorite cookies.

Enjoy with a cup of coffee and tea!



Wooden model for Aenis



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