

# CLUB NEWS

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March, 2015

Dear Members:

Spring is almost here and our outdoor events are set to begin. Coming up very soon is our Spring Fondue scheduled for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will have our brat lunch starting at 1:30 p.m. with our fondue being served around 3:00 p.m. If you haven't been to one of our fondues, please plan on attending. The fondue is prepared by Al Hollenstein and his family and one of the best you will ever taste.

Quickly following our spring fondue is our annual Schwingfest. This year it is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 10 a.m. and wrestling will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Please remember if you, or someone you know, want to participate in the Schwingfest – whether it be to wrestle, volunteer or donate – please feel free to contact any board member for information. If you are interested in the wrestling practice we have four weeks prior to the Schwingfest – please contact me at (619) 507-9754. To volunteer or donate your time please contact Debbie Morris at (619) 922-4474. We gladly accept your support which is important to keeping this tradition ongoing.

We'd like to showcase our Swiss customs and talents. If any of you have any talents in flag-tossing, yodeling, coin rolling, or play the handorgela and/or blow the alphorn, we'd love to see you show off your skills at the Schwingfest this year. Please let me know to be sure to announce and introduce you during breaks in the wrestling. We'd also like to encourage anyone with a traditional costume to please wear it. If you have unwanted/outgrown dirndls or costumes for donation or consignment we can sell them at our souvenir booth.

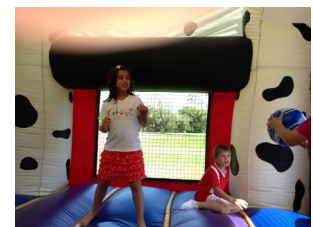
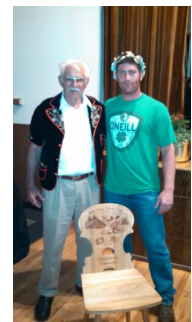
When you are here, continue to look around our beautiful park. We continue our renovations and are very proud of our facility. Our park is managed by Tony and Larry Escobedo. They do a wonderful job and we are so happy to have them with us.

Thank you for being a part of this San Diego County Swiss Club. The Board and I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events.

*Tony Odermatt*

Tony Odermatt  
President

## Pictures from past events



## Swiss Ladies

We are looking forward to another year of great meetings and enjoying each other's company at the Swiss Ladies Club.

We want to thank Christina Zeller for continuing the President/Treasurer position for the upcoming 2015/2016 seasons as well as Margot Linback for continuing her service as Secretary. We also want to thank Marilyn Pluss for again creating wonderful artistic programs for us.

The Swiss ladies meet the first Tuesday of every month for a fun filled luncheon at a variety of San Diego locations as well as at the Swiss Club in Chula Vista. We already met at the Lighthouse Restaurant, the Barona Casino, and last month at the wonderful Peohe's in Coronado Island.

We will travel to the historic gold mining town of Julian for lunch at the Julian Grill, 224 Main Street, Julian. For details call Elsbeth at (858)792-2875.

May 12th we will fiesta in Old Town, at the Casa Guadalupe Restaurant, 4105 Taylor St., 12 noon. Call Christina for reservations.

Our Summer luncheon will be at the Swiss Club at 12 noon, Tues., June 2nd. Please bring a dish to accompany a meat and cheese platter.

We will recess for the summer months of July and August, September 8th 2015 will be the kick off date for the next years events. We will meet at the Swiss Club to hold our annual meeting. Hostesses will be Carmela Egger and Jane Hanson.

Our group keeps growing and we invite all husbands and guests to join us for any or all lunches. Everyone is welcome.

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## News from The Swiss Shooters



The purpose of the San Diego Swiss Rifle team is to keep a tradition alive by shooting the old K-31 Swiss Army Weapon that was used during WWII. We compete once a month and the shooter with the highest score has the honor to buy the beer for that day. This month it was David Egger with 94 pts.

## Member News

### Anna Maria Steiner 10/1/1931-12/13/2014

Maria had been active in the San Diego Swiss Club where she was able to keep up with her Swiss language, heritage and many friends. She and Charles enjoyed singing in the San Diego Swiss Club Singers group for many years and travelled up the coast for many Saangerfests.

Her Funeral Mass was held Jan. 19th and there was a rosary that followed with a celebration of life at Mary Catholic Church in Ramona. She was interred at the Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum in San Diego. She will truly be missed.



## Member News... Cont'd.

### Otto Rollin, Jr.

6/19/1931—12/22/2014

A memorial was held for Otto on Friday, February 27 at the VFW Hall in Chula Vista. He had many friends attend. Otto passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 83. Otto was a member of the VFW and the San Diego Swiss Club. Otto's family would like to thank Mr. Joe Ringe for graciously hosting Otto's memorial.

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### Bob Egger remembers Otto Rollin

Otto and I were in our teens when we met and did just about everything together. I will share a few memories and some trips we took.

We were in our early teens and took a trip to The High Sierras with a group of twenty. Some even rode horses. It was so cold we had ice on our sleeping bags when we woke up. We had fun walking in the mountains.

In our mid teens, and before the Swiss Club had a hall the members would meet in Chula Vista at the American Legion Post 343 for dances. We didn't know how to dance until Frank Metaur (the bartender) gave us a lot of beer and soon we were out dancing with Tootsie Stockhalper, Evelyn Blatler, and Mancie Klemm.

I remember once when Otto and I drove Frank Metaur's 1936 Ford nearby at a school. We were fishtailing and wrecked the grass up pretty bad.

In our early 20's, Otto, Paul R., myself, Leo Potvin and his father-in-law took a trip to Utah to deer hunt. We killed a deer, hauled it in the jeep and Otto cooked it for us. He cooked the heart with some wine. We slept in the camper. Otto and I slept on the top bed. It was very cold and the farts were very smelly. We met some hunters while there but one hunter almost shot Otto because of his faded jacket. Otto was color blind so apparently didn't pick the right color jacket for the woods. He was very embarrassed, his face turned red and was pissed off.

Otto, Paul and myself took another trip when we were in our 20's to Montana. We met up with the Brogen brothers from Chula Vista. We slept all in one tent and boy was it freezing cold. We were snuggled in our sleeping bags from head to toe. Every night we heard cans rattling, must have been raccoons. One night Paul R. was having a nightmare that a bear came into the tent. He started fighting with himself and tried to rip his clothes off. Otto was laughing the whole time. That morning, a hunter told us that he had shot an ELK but it got away. Otto followed the blood trail and found it and shot it.

Otto was a good small bore top shooter (heavy 22 caliber). At a shooting competition in Los Angeles with 25 shooters, the San Diego team took two out of the five trophies given. At a competition in San Diego, (the prize being parts of a hog), Otto gave Clem Muller, Sr. drinks to make sure he got the biggest hind quarter because Clem was the butcher. The butchering took place at the Hofer's milk house washroom. If you came in last place you got the Hog Head.

One weekend, maybe after a Schwingfest, around midnight, Otto and I got stopped for racing our cars in El Centro. The cop asked Otto if he knew that guy, Otto replied, "no, never seen that guy before." We both got tickets anyway.

Otto joined the Air Force in his late 20's or early 30's and was stationed in England. When he came home he shared a lot of Limey jokes. He heard a lot of jokes at Arnold's garage too, he was a real jokester.

Otto worked at South Bay Chevrolet in Chula Vista. He specialized in repairing Corvairs. The motor was under the shield. Only two mechanics could repair the motors, the rest of the mechanics refused to work on them. Otto said every Corvair on the road would come to him.

At the Swiss Club Otto was a great chef, especially with Bratwurst and Onions. He also made some really good Pear Schnapps.

He was always at the Swiss Club, never missed a Schwingfest. He will truly be missed.

*San Diego County  
Swiss Club*



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*The Swiss Alps in the Summer*

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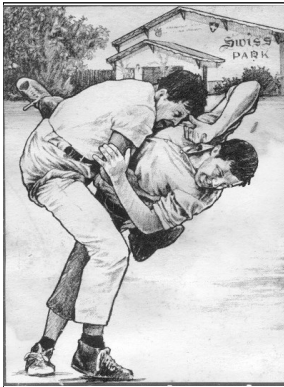
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Please join us

*San Diego County Swiss Club's  
65th Annual Schwingfest*

Saturday, June 20, 2015

**EVENT CALENDAR 2015**

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY SWISS CLUB**

Apr. 19th - Spring Picnic/Fondue  
June 20th - Schwingfest  
Aug. 1st - Swiss National Day  
Oct. ? - Fall Picnic  
Dec. 6th - General Meeting  
Dec. 13th - Christmas Party

If you have news of sick or  
hospitalized members please contact  
Ruedi Lusti so he can send out some  
Sunshine and Cheer!

