



International Men's Club of Zug

Newsletter July/August 95

THE GREAT IMCZ DOWNHILL (well almost) BICYCLE RIDE FROM AIROLO TO BIASCA

Sunday July 30th 1995

We take a train from Zug direct to Airolo. There we collect our SBB (7 speed) bicycles and cycle to Biasca via Piotta, Faido, Chiggiogna and Giornico stopping on the way for sight seeing, refreshments and lunch. The lunch stop (at approx. midday) will be at the Grotto Pescatori in Giornico, a delightful spot on the banks of a mountain stream. In Biasca we return the cycles to the SBB and board a return train to Zug. Total distance of the ride is 40 km - the leaflet says '*40 Kilometer rasante Abfahrt und ein Minimum an Muskelkraft*'.



Meet at 08.10 hrs in the Zug Bahnhof ticket office *We will buy the tickets and reserve the cycles together.* Train departure time from Zug is 08.34 hrs (arrive Airolo 09.58 hrs).

2nd class train fare (return) per person, including cycle hire, is Fr 67.-- (or Fr 46.-- if you have a half price pass).

Refreshment and lunch costs are at your discretion. We can tell you that charges at the Grotto Pescatori are very modest.

It is suggested that you bring sunglasses and suntan cream. Maps are not needed because Rudi Schaller will be navigating.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED BOOKING FORM AND POST OR FAX TO DAVID HARRIS TO ARRIVE BY JULY 24th.

In case of bad weather you can confirm with Rudi Schaller up to 07.50 hrs on the actual morning.

Departure from Biasca to Zug will depend on when we arrive there, but a train departs from Biasca every hour.

-- **WHAT'S COMING UP** --

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| Sunday, July 30 | Family Fun Bike Ride.
All the details are on page one by David Harris |
| August 17 | Golf (we have set out the details out later in this newsletter) |

**** Sunday, September 10 ****

******* CHARITY DAY: THE HIGH POINT OF THE YEAR *******

Don't miss this relaxing summer day out by the lakeside for the family.

ALL THE TAKINGS GO TO CHARITY

We have already begun to receive generous donations

We hope to receive many more from you - for charity

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| Thursday, October 26 | The Police Explain Something To Us |
| November | A presentation - probably on China |
| Sunday, December 31 | New Year's Eve D.i.y. Party |

An interesting programme - More details as they become available.

-- **THE BARBECUE - AS LIVELY AS EVER** --

To the surprise of nobody, the evening brought midsummer rain. Towards the end of a May and June pockmarked with evening thunderstorms and daytime downpours, it would have taken brave money to bet on a dry, sunny evening on June 24, and the smart money was staying put. But everybody was there, having followed David Harris's balloon markers, including - amazingly - several who had not registered, bent on enjoying an evening in good company before a crackling log fire in the rustic comfort of the snug (and watertight) Sibrisboden Waldhütte in the forest wilds of Unterägeri.

The rain soon stopped falling, but none of us noticed, and none of us cared, because the conversation noise inside quickly rose above the sound of any rain, or indeed of any thunder, which may have happened to be about, as the wine flowed and the meats began to brown on the grill. The sociable noise rose even above the sound of music, thoughtfully provided by our president, Ian Park. Tony the treasurer got into conspiratorial huddles with guests, like a usurer on the Rialto, to question their financial bona fides, but soon capitulated and joined in the fun. Tapes of the final of the Rugby World Cup still lay as warm in the videorecorders of the triumphant South Africans who were present as their own self-congratulations, but the losers,

the New Zealanders, were quick to remind us of their monumental success in the America's Cup sailing.

As they left, late in the evening, members and their guests expressed their satisfaction and their full enjoyment of the food, wine and warmth, and of what had been a very bright evening spot amid the gloomy Unterägeri fir trees.

Car Treasure Hunt

The first IMCZ car treasure hunt on 21st May was a success. Drivers, navigators and other passengers, the youngest of whom was only two years old, helped gain points for the three attractive prizes. All nine drivers followed clues around the canton of Zug and had to answer some pretty challenging questions about the canton and Switzerland as a whole. The answers were so amazingly accurate that only 10 points separated the first four competitors in the final table. A couple of drivers (or their navigators!) misinterpreted one of the seven clues and wound up miles from the track, but they eventually realised that something must be wrong and got back to the correct route without having to open any of the emergency envelopes. The day was rounded off with dinner at the Restaurant Breitfeld between Rotkreuz and Meierskappel. Well worth a visit if you want to play a round of mini-golf on one of the best courses in Switzerland or visit the model railway in the barn next to the restaurant.

Other highlights of the day included the contribution of the organiser's new dog, Paddy O'Button, who, at the tender age of three months, turned out to be decidedly car-sick and at one stage, apparently tired of making a horrible mess, escaped from the car! True to character, he turned up at the entrance to the restaurant, figuring that that way, he couldn't really go wrong!

Congratulations to Hans Capiaghi and his wife on winning the first prize, to Hans Häcki, who almost won second prize but wound up with an ex-aequo first prize thanks to the contribution of his 8-year-old son Michael, and to Rudi Schaller who took the third slot. Thanks to all the others who didn't win a prize but contributed to an enjoyable afternoon and evening. And thanks, in particular, to Karen Schoepke (who, as a professional auditor, worked out all the final scores), and to David Harris, who, as so often, contributed a lot of his time and help to organising and marshalling the event.

(Reported by the organiser - Tony Button)

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Tony for generously donating the prizes to the tune of around Sfr 1000. We wish him luck with his new language school venture.

The Inaugural IMZC Golf Tournament

The sport is now really taking off in Switzerland. The IMCZ not wishing to be left behind by such a tidal wave is organising a Golf Tournament at the Burgenstock Golf Course on the 17th August 1995. There will be wonderful prizes such as the President's old putter, some user Golf Balls, but the main prize will be the honour of being crowned as the winner of the first IMCZ Golf Tournament.

To register simply call Ian Park (042) 772222. A full package of details will then be posted or faxed directly to you. Practice facilities are now widely available, so we expect to see you out there preparing for the big event.



-- NEW MEMBERS --

It is a great pleasure to welcome the following new members to our club:

<i>Mr Stephen Hill (GB)</i>	- Dorfstrasse 17, 6332 Hagendorn
<i>Mr Julian Myerscough (GB)</i>	- Föhrenweg 6, 6343 Rotkreuz
<i>Mr Cliff T Shrum (USA)</i>	- Grossmatt 4, 6314 Unterägeri

We look forward to meeting Mr Myerscough and Mr Shrum personally soon at one of our events. (Mr Hill and his wife Debra enjoyed the barbecue with us in June.)

-- FOR SALE --

Dawes *Back Street* bicycle less than 500 km. Complete with lighting, luggage carrier, pump, mudguards, on-board computer, 21 gears, 28 in wheels. Excellent condition. Price Sfr 400 (fixed). David Harris 042 64 35 81

-- NEWS IN ENGLISH --

SWISS RADIO INTERNATIONAL launched a new service six months ago, aimed, they say, at visitors to Switzerland, which has proved to be very successful in a more widespread way. It is broadcast live to Europe every hour from the Astra satellite, but it is available by telephone to all. It is

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and you can hear it at any time by calling 157 300 30 (at Fr.1.50 per minute). We thought our members might be interested, so we are enclosing a card about it.

-- STAMMTISCH --

Come to the Casino on any Thursday for an informal get-together around a table for a drink and a chat with fellow members. If you have a point of view to express, you will get murmurs of assent or an argument. Probably both. From 5:30 to 7:30 - if the weather is fine, the assembly may even venture out on to the terrace. Everybody welcome.

-- DO YOU WANT A GOOD DEAL? --

Why not look inside the Club Databank if you ~~are~~ looking for a commodity or a service. You may find what you want there, from a fellow member, and, perhaps, with benefits to both sides.

We look forward to seeing you at the bike ride and on Charity Day.

Sincerely,

For the Board of the IMCZ
Gwyn Bevan, Secretary

- Enclosed:
1. Registration slip for the bike ride.
(Important - the registration slip goes to David Harris, but enquiries on the day about the weather and whether the event will go ahead should be telephoned to Rudi Schaller 042 41 28 86)
 2. Swiss radio card
 3. Charity Day sheet