



IMCZ NEWS

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Annual Membership Dues

It is time to renew your annual membership. You will find a green payment slip enclosed with this newsletter, so please pay your dues of **SFR 55,00** as soon as possible.

Report on the Burns Supper held on 25 January 1997

Exactly 238 years to the day Robert Burns was born, the men's club in common with thousands of similar gatherings around the world, met to celebrate the memory of the life and works of Scotland's national bard.

Forty four people, were privileged to be part of this inaugural event, held at the Restaurant Landhaus in Baar. As is customary, the tradition was observed with an animated Address to the Haggis from Murray Marr and a moving Toast to the Immortal Memory from Ivor Johnstone. This was followed by the Toast to the Lassies delivered with much tongue-in-cheek humour by John Stuart. The equally humorous reply on behalf of the Lassies was given by Marion Lewer, with the formal vote of thanks including a toast to Scotland and our host country, Switzerland was delivered by Howard Lewer.

The flavour of the evening was distinctly Scottish with a piper, a highland dancer and a liberal sprinkling of kilts and tartan plaids adding colour to the occasion. Further authentic ingredients came in the form of genuine Haggis from Edinburgh, as well as generously donated quantities of Bowmore Islay Single Malt whisky, which lubricated the proceedings nicely to bring the Burns spirit to life.

The Restaurant Landhaus served a very good meal, successfully preparing the Haggis to perfection despite never having seen this delicacy before. (cont. on page 2)

A Note from the President

Dear Fellow Members,

I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me as your President, I trust that together with the board I will be able to successfully guide the club through this the 20th year of its existence.

I have often been asked what the purpose of the club is and the answer would appear simple in that it is a medium of contact for the international men of Zug. However, when I speak to various of our members, I find that it fulfils not one primary purpose, but it offers a forum where varied personal needs can be met. These include: giving the newcomer a steppingstone into the community; opening up business contacts for those seeking them; providing friendly social contact and raising money for charity.

There is scope in the club for all of us to find what we are looking for. This year your board will endeavour to provide a program of events that will satisfy each need.

To do this we need your help.

Please communicate to us what you expect from the club. To achieve this, you will find a questionnaire included with this newsletter which will provide a vehicle for such communication.

Using your feedback, we will attempt to satisfy the vast majority of needs and thereby confirm the purpose of the club.

I look forward to serving you in my capacity as President and with your help and input highlighting the purpose of the club so that it becomes self-evident that we are a group of people who find the contact we seek, making friends and enjoying ourselves together.

Therefore, I hope to meet you all during the year at the various events and functions.

Burns supper continued.....

Thanks are due to the management and staff, who, amidst their own Faschnacht celebrations, are probably still coming to terms with the finer points missed in accommodating the express requirements of a Burns supper! As Burns himself said with great foresight all those years ago: "The best laid plans o' mice an' men"

This celebration of the memory of Robert Burns was most enjoyable with everybody entering into the spirit of the celebration, continuing well into the early hours of the morning. Certain revellers donned in ginger wigs and tam o' shanters (tartan headgear) were last seen heading in the direction of Walchwil.....?

Thank You

I would like to thank all those who who helped make the Burns supper a success particularly the organisers, the behind the scenes workers and those who contributed on the night.

A special thanks to Morrison Bowmore Ltd. for their generous donation of Bowmore Islay Malt Whisky.
Ivor Johnstone

Future Events

Important Club Dates for your Diary

March 14 (Friday)

**** St Patrick's Night ****
Brauerei Baar

March 18th (Tuesday) (Together with BSCC)

**** The Oil Industry in Switzerland ****
Talk by the Chairman of BP
Park Hotel, Zug

March 26th (Wednesday)

**** Pool evening ****
Cherry Bowl Baar

April 8 (Tuesday)

**** Business Lunch ****
Venue to be advised

April 15th (Tuesday)

**** Goldsmithing ****
Talk by Club member Rolf Holdener
Casino, Zug

April 23rd (Wednesday)

**** Pool evening ****
Cherry Bowl Baar

May 25th (Sunday)

**** Cycle Ride ****
Cycle round the Lake of Zug

Pool

Regular pool evenings will be run during the year. Please contact Stephen Butterworth on:

Tel.: 041 790 41 94

Fax: 041 790 41 72

to join this social group of pool players.

Business Lunches

The Business Lunches will be held once every two months, starting in February. Tony Button is organising these so please contact him on:

Tel.: 041 760 57 70

Fax: 041 760 58 10

if you want to attend. Watch the future events column for confirmed dates and venues.

Golf

We would like to start an IMCZ golf society. This group would then meet regularly (probably once a month) playing a different golf course within about 1 hour travel proximity of Zug. Please contact Ivor Johnstone on:

Tel.: 041 710 49 29

Mob 079 401 58 52

Fax: 041 710 49 29 (same as tel. above)

to register your interest.

Ten Pin Bowling

The annual challenge match against the ZIWC is due to take place sometime within the next two months (date still to be announced). However we need to get a team together and practice! Please contact David Harris on:

Tel.: 041 790 35 81

Fax: 041 790 35 83

if you are interested in playing in this fun contest.

Ballroom Dancing

Do you want to learn to dance properly, or just brush-up on your old skills? It has been suggested that we organise an IMCZ group to take lessons together with their partners. If you have an interest in this please contact Hans Häcki on:

Tel.: 041 780 17 16

to register your interest.

January Anagrams

The answers to the January anagrams are as follows:

1. In translating noise
Clue: World Wide
Answer: International signs
2. A nags arm
Clue: Could this be one?
Answer: Anagram
3. Yacht Diary
Clue: It helps
Answer: Charity day
4. Tune TV refuse
Clue: It could happen
Answer: Future events

Member's Interests Survey

At the AGM the board agreed to compile a questionnaire to allow the members to record their interests and what they expect from the club. This information is required if the board are expected to align events with the majority of members interests, therefore please complete the questionnaire and submit it to the club secretary, Hans Haecki by the end of February 1997. (Address etc. on questionnaire)

AGM Report

The 19th Annual General Meeting was held in the Casino on the 23 January 1997. It was attended by 27 members including the board. After the business proceedings, dinner was enjoyed by those who were able to stay on. Please find enclosed with this newsletter the minutes of the meeting for more details.

Are you Over The Hill?

Being over the hill is.....

"When you stop to think and sometimes forget to start again!"

"When your idea of exercise is a good brisk sit!"

"When your wife tells you to pull in your stomach, and you already have!"

"Over the Hill?" cont.

"The time in life when it takes you longer to rest than it does to get tired!"

"Having the choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier!"

"When a night out is followed by a day in!"

"Is the awkward period when Father Time starts catching up with Mother Nature!"

"Is that time of life when a woman won't tell her age and a man won't act his!"

And finally.... "You know you're slipping when you look at the menu before you look at the waitress!"

Stammtalk

There is a regular social gathering of our members every Thursday at 17h30 in the Casino Restaurant in Zug. If you fancy a drink and some friendly contact please come along.

1997 Board

For your information, the following are the contact numbers for the members of the 1997 Board:

Ivor Johnstone	Tel.: 041 710 49 29 Fax: Same as tel. no.
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Questionnaire

Please complete and return this questionnaire as soon as possible to:

Hans HaECKi
Lindenbühl 21
6330 Cham
Tel.: 041 780 98 51

Name: _____

(Omit if you wish to remain anonymous, however we would prefer that you provide your name)

1. What type of activities/events do you enjoy most? (Please number in ascending merit)

- a) Social contacts, excursions, dinners
- b) Business contacts, information exchange
- c) Cultural discussions, art, philosophy, media etc.
- d) Fund-raising for charity

d) Other _____

2. What are your social interests/hobbies/sports?

3. Would you like to see "special interest groups" formed that concentrated on your interests/hobbies/sports?

Yes No

4. Would you be prepared to lead a special interest group that concentrated on your interests/hobbies/sports?

Yes No

5. Which club events or activities were of most interest or enjoyment to you during last years?

6. How frequently do you participate in the club's activities?

Frequently Occasionally Rarely

If "rarely", what are the reasons?

- a) No interest in the topics
- b) Conflicting time schedules
- c) Other: _____