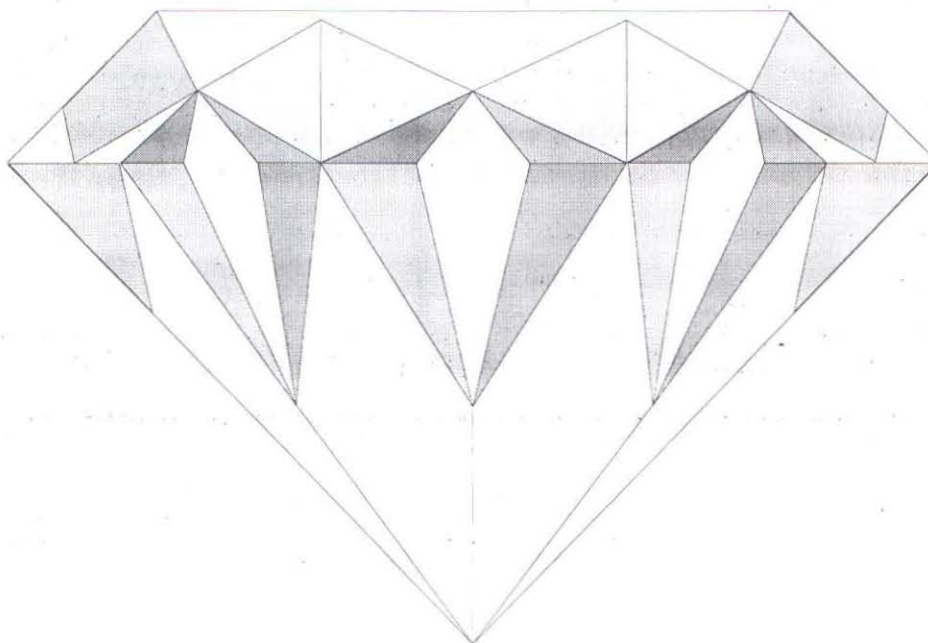




IMCZ NEWS

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DIAMONDS

We have arranged with De Beers of Switzerland to visit their Luzern offices for a presentation about De Beers and Diamonds.

The presentation lasts for approx. two hours and covers De Beers and the whole aspect of diamonds from mining to marketing.

14.00hrs (meet 13.55 hrs) on Tuesday August 26th 1997.

The presentation is limited to just 12 (twelve) people

The first reference to true diamonds appears in Roman literature of the 1st century AD. Such diamonds almost certainly came from India which until the 18th century was the only known source. In 1726 diamonds were discovered in Brazil and then in 1866 in South Africa. South Africa is currently the chief source of gem diamonds.

Reservation for this visit must be made to David Harris by at latest August 18th so that a list of participants can be submitted to De Beers for security clearance. Please use the enclosed reservation slip.

Exact details of where and when will be given to participating members when we have your reservation.

PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN IN STRICT ORDER AND MEMBERS ADVISED IF THEY HAVE A PLACE OR IF THEIR NAME IS ON THE STAND-BY LIST

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

Important dates for your diary

August 8th (Friday 18.30 hrs onwards)

**** TGIF ****

Brauerei, Baar

August 12th (Tuesday)

**** Mövenpick, Zug ****

Details to be advised

August 26th (Tuesday afternoon)

**** Visit de Beers Switzerland ****

Luzern

September 5th (Friday 18.30 hrs onwards)

**** TGIF ****

Brauerei, Baar

September 7th (Sunday - day)

**** Swiss Ascot Lakeside BBQ ****

Strandbad, Hünenberg

September 17th (Wednesday 19.30 hrs)

**** Pool ****

Cherry Bowl, Baar

September

**** Go Karting ****

Venue to be advised

October 3rd (Friday 18.30 hrs onwards)

**** TGIF ****

Brauerei, Bar

October 15th (Wednesday 19.30 hrs)

**** Pool ****

Cherry Bowl, Baar

October - details to be advised

**** Whisky Tasting ****

Venue to be advised

October 28th (Tuesday 19.00hrs) (invite from ZIWC)

**** Talk by Robin Cornelius ****

Owner of SWITCHER T Shirts

Park Hotel, Zug

November 7th (Friday 18.30 hrs onwards)

**** TGIF ****

Brauerei, Baar

November 28th (Friday evening)

**** Thanks Giving Party ****

Detail to be announced

December (Date to be decided)

**** Yule Tide Triathlon ****

Details to be announced

We are always seeking new and interesting events for club members - if you can help or if you know someone

who can then please call David HARRIS on (041)790 35 81.

TGIF

(Thank Goodness Its Friday)

>>>>>join us on the first Friday of the month<<<<<

Relax, have a drink and meet IMCZ friends.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME.

Brauerei, Baar from 18.30 hrs.

August 8th

(this is the second Friday as the first is a holiday)

September 5th

October 3rd

November 7th

BUSINESS LUNCHES

The next Business Lunch is scheduled for August 12th at the Mövenpick in Zug. Tony BUTTON will contact Business Lunch regulars with final details when he returns from holiday.

If you wish to know more about the Business Lunches or want to join in then please call Tony BUTTON on (041)760 57 70 or fax (041)760 58 10.

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STAMMTALK

The STAMM meets in the Seerestaurant, Casino, Zug every Thursday, from approx. 17.30 to 19.00 hrs, for a sociable drink and wide ranging very informal discussions on the worlds problems and other less important items.

If the Casino is closed for any reason we default to the Park Hotel.

POOL

The first post summer meeting will be held on September 17th. At the Cherry Bowl, Baar.

This jolly group of pool players is lead by Stephen BUTTERWORTH. For more information contact him direct on - Tel: 041-790 41 94 Fax: 041-790 41 72. - see the 'Future Club Events' column for dates.

BBQ 97

This was one of the best yet with, as always, excellent food and lively company.

The evening started well with David setting out the IMCZ signposts marking the route into Sibrisboden. Tony BUTTON, the chief organiser for the evening, caught up with him within sight of the hut - David in his usual kindly fashion asked Tony if he remembered the way or would he prefer to follow. With happy thank-you's Tony called out that he knew the way and roared off into the sunset. He arrived at the hut some 15 minutes later having missed the vital turning and had become lost somewhere in the forest!!!

Tony had organised a couple of quiz sessions for after dinner. These proved to be great fun and gave rise to considerable mirth and repartee.

If a prize was to be offered to the noisiest table of the evening it would have to go to the one dubbed 'David and the Walchwilers' led by who else but Ian PARK.

Our president, Ivor JOHNSTONE, was the ever genial 'mine host', who's table ran a very close second in the noise generation stakes.

Our sincere thanks to Tony BUTTON, ably assisted by Club secretary Hans HÄCKI, for a first class evening.

The IMCZ 3rd Annual Charity Golf Day

Golfpark Holzhausen Sunday 27th July

What a Day. Sunshine, fresh air, splendid company and some fine Golf all contributed to make our 3rd Golf Day a huge success. A slightly restrained and sleepy crowd gathered around 8:15 in the restaurant for coffee and Gipfeli (kindly sponsored by our President). The subdued atmosphere was a mixture of nervous anticipation and the fact a few seemed to be suffering from a surfeit of fun from the night before. It was like the calm before the storm.

We teed off on time between 9:00 and 9:45 in groups of 4, with a starter pack of balls, tees and sweets provided by Julian Myerscough and a message from the head pro himself: "If you're gonna miss it, miss it quick". With this sound advise in mind we proceed to tear up (mostly figuratively) the Holzhausen course. The heat of battle saw some competitors roaming far from the recognized track, into woods across streams and occasionally several fairways away from the one they were supposed to be playing. Cries of glee and consternation were often heard. "Oh golly, that appears to be heading in the wrong direction....FORE, FORE!!". But these intrepid athletes pressed on amassing scores both large and small until the final put rolled in around 2:30.

We then all gathered on the terrace for the Aperero and prize-giving. Julian Myerscough not only provided the Champagne but also quickly totted up the scores to see who had won what. Prizes came from all directions. The Arnold Palmer Golf Company provided lots of goodies from a special putter to golf gloves, an umbrella and lots of balls. We thank them profusely and were delighted that Richard Greenaway from Arnold Palmer Golf was able to joint us for the round. Julian donated three hours of private golf lessons. And Ivor Johnstone came in with a box full of interesting prizes. **Thank you all.**

Then came the moment of reckoning. The longest drive was won by a guest Peter Bohny, the award of a brightly coloured shirt was accompanied by the usual protestations that lots of us had hit the ball further but had just missed the fairway. The nearest to the pin was won by Alan Pritchard who on the same hole then proceeded to take 3 puts for a score of 4. Appropriately he was given a new putter. The prize for effort was awarded to Eric Willems, he is to be congratulated for his tenacity, good manners in the face of adversity and loyalty (he was one of the original founding five). He received amongst other things a lesson from Julian. Then to the other end of the table. Peter Bohny came in 6th, Hans Capiaghi (also one of the founding five) came 5th and Lucia Park a satisfying 4th. Third spot was taken by Ivo Hemelraad with Jurg Vonwil second. The winner of this years event and the now proud owner of the coveted Multi Coloured Cap is Ian Park. Having in part organised the event there were murmurs to the extent that a good scorer always beats a good player and was this result coordinated before the event began, nevertheless a warm round of applause did greet the final result.

Some special prizes were awarded for deeds of exceptional skill or entertainment value. Steve Newton won for hitting his drive high in the air for it to land only 4 feet from whence it started, this being on the hole where there was a prize for the longest drive. Keith Barraclough was having some early problems brought on by nerves (it was his first golf competition ever) All sorts of golfing advise was proffered to help but alas in vain. It was only when told to think of Doris Day did we see a whole new Keith. His swing was smooth and powerful his demeanor calm and focused and the ball sailed down the fairway to a huge round of applause. Other names were mentioned including May West, but none seemed to have quite the impact that Doris did.

Then to the main event. The days proceeding had raised Sfr 1,500 for local Charity, Sfr 700 more than last year. Julian Myerscough made a splendid speech and handed over the money to our grateful President Ivor Johnstone. Julian also wetted our appetites for next year by proposing a Pro-Am format where 3 amateurs play with a real live Professional Golfer. Thus I am proud to state that the IMCZ Annual Charity Golf Day is alive and kicking and looking forward to even greater things to come.

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'SWISS ASCOT' INTERNATIONAL CLUB'S CHARITY DAY Sunday September 7th Strandbad, Hünenberg.

The day will loosely follow the theme of the Ascot races with various events and games having a horse (not real) type flavour.

It also means that we invite you to dress up, or down, as though you were going to the races - you can dress as a jockey, an owner, a guest of the royal box, a tick tack man, a gambler, a trainer, a stable person, a punter in fact anyone who might be found at a race meeting - almost anything goes.

Live entertainment will include acts by the English Theatre Group and music by two bands.

The event is being organised and run jointly by the IMCZ and ZIWC and whilst we call it a Charity Day the prime purpose is for everyone to have a good time.

***TO MAKE 'SWISS ASCOT'
A SUCCESS WE NEED YOU THERE,
PLEASE MARK SEPTEMBER 7th
IN YOUR DIARY NOW.***

IF YOU WANT TO HELP IN ORGANISING THE EVENT OR JUST HELP ON THE DAY DON'T BE SHY JUST CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANISING COMMITTEE NOW

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Ian PARK Office tel: (041)758 22 22 fax: (041)758 17 16

David HARRIS tel: (041)790 35 81 fax: (041)790 35 83

YULETIDE TRIATHLON

For early December we are working on a seasonal light hearted but competitive event including Bowls, Darts and Pool all on one evening.

The idea for this event came out of the recent Bowling evening when it was discovered that one guy, normally known for his competitive golf and pool playing, was very weak at bowling.

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WELCOME

On behalf of the Club may we welcome new member Peter J BAEHR. Peter is a Vice President at Schindler Management Ltd.

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IMCZ DIRECTORY

The IMCZ DIRECTORY is now being printed and will be distributed as soon as practicable.

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KISS ME KATE

The English Theatre Group of Zug are staging this well known adaptation, by Cole Porter, of Shakespeare's 'Taming of the Shrew'. Performances will take place on September 12, 13, 16, 17, 19 & 20 in the Casino Theatre, Zug.

The enclosed leaflet gives you a run down on the production and details of how and where to book.

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LINGUISTIC NEWS

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supplied by Hans Häcki

Having chosen English as the preferred language in the EEC, the European Parliament has commissioned a feasibility study in ways of improving efficiency in communications between Government departments.

European officials have often pointed out that English spelling is, at times, unnecessarily difficult. Words such as cough, plough, through and thorough.

What is clearly needed is a phased programme of changes to iron out these anomalies. The programme would, of course, be administered by a committee staffed at top level by participating nations.

In the first year the committee would suggest, for example, using 's' in place of the soft 'c'. Certainly, sivil servants in all sities would resieve this news with joy.

Then the hard 'c' could be replaced by 'k' sinse both letters are pronounsed alike. Not only would this klear up konfusion in the minds of klerikal workers but typewriters and word prosessors could be made with one letter less.

Enthusiasm would grow when in the sekond year it was announsed that the troublesome 'ph' would henseforth be written as 'f'. This would make words like fotograf twenty persent shorter in print.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reash the stage where more komplikated shanges are possible. And the next shange would be for the kontrolling body to remove double letters which have always been a deterent to akurate speling.

We would al agre that the horrible mes of silent 'e's in the languag is disgrasful. Therefor we kould drop thes and kontinu to read and writ as though nothing had hapened.

By this tim it would be four years sins the skem began and peopl would be reseptiv to steps sutsh as replasing 'th' with 'z'.

Perhaps zen ze funktion of 'w' kould be taken on by 'v', vitsh is, after al half a 'w'.

Shortly after zis, ze unesesary 'o' kuld be dropd from vords kontaining 'ou'.

Similar arguments vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

Kontinuuing zis proses yer after yer, ve vould eventuli hav a reli sensibl riten styl.

After tventi yers zer vould be no mor trubls, difikultis and evrivun vud fin it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze drems of the guvermnt vud finali hav kum tru.

That played hell with my spell check. Ed

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Following member suggestions we are looking at the possibility of starting specific interest groups i.e. ball room dancing and golf. If there is sufficient interest in either of these we are prepared to get a group up and running.

BALL ROOM DANCING LESSONS

If you want to learn ball room dancing or brush up on long forgotten skills, together with your partner, this could be the ideal place for you. Call Hans HÄCKI on (041)780 98 51

GOLF

We are aiming to form an IMCZ Golf society to meet perhaps once a month. If this is your sport then please call Ivor JOHNSTONE on (041)710 49 29.

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