



IMCZ NEWS

FUTURE EVENTS

Watch this column for a rolling forecast of IMCZ events and events to which IMCZ members are invited. Members are requested to note that whilst we will do our best to provide long range dates we will only announce an event when all aspects of that event are confirmed.

February 23 Tuesday

IMCZ Skiers Sunshine Club

See over for details

March 11 Thursday

'Total Energie Anlage'. A visit to a special power generation plant and district heating system in Cham.

March 23 Tuesday

IMCZ Skiers Sunshine Club

See over for details

April 15 Thursday

IMCZ Skiers Sunshine Club

See over for details

May 4 Tuesday 19.00 hrs

Talk by Bill HALL, the Financial Times Correspondent based in Zürich. In conjunction with the BSCC

Park Hotel, Zug

May 11 Wednesday

Return visit to Seleger Moor - dependant on weather.

June 26 Saturday 18.30 hrs

IMCZ Barbecue

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STAMMTISCH - EVERY THURSDAY
17.30 hrs to approx. 19.00 hrs Casino
Restaurant, Zug

A Note from the President

Dear Fellow Members,

I was encouraged by the AGM this year and although attendance was not great, those who did come contributed to some very animated and constructive discussion. I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me as your President again, I trust that together with the board we will be able to successfully guide the club through 1999.

It is an honour to serve on the IMCZ board, however, we the board are in fact the member's employees. We work for YOU and I am sure you can appreciate that it is very difficult to work for those you seldom see or gain feedback from. Consider this in your own business environment and I am sure you will appreciate what I am driving at! Therefore please make an effort to attend the events and give feedback! Communicate to us what you expect from the club. If you feel your interest in the club has waned, then contact a board member today and lets discuss what can be done to revive it.

We are committed to increasing the membership of the IMCZ this year. To assist with this, we will be revising our information pack and submitting it to the major International Companies in Zug for further distribution to their employees. We will also run a number of advertisements in the "Zuger Amsblatt" during the year. However, you, the existing members are the best advertisement for the club, therefore please assist us by enlisting new members.

The costs of running the club although not high are considerable and our only source of income is membership dues. Last year a third of the members still had not paid their dues by October despite the fact they were due in January! I would appeal to you all to pay your membership dues promptly this year and thanks to those who paid promptly last year!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a prosperous 1999, the board and I look forward to serving you and with your help and input we hope to make this another successful year for the IMCZ.

Ivor Johnstone

IMCZ 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This, the Club's 21st Annual general Meeting, was held at the Casino, Zug on Thursday 21st January 1999.

The President, Ivor JOHNSTONE, thanked the retiring Board for their time and dedication through the past year. Leaving the Board this year were Ian PARK and Steve NEWTON. You will recall that Ian PARK has served on the Board since 1993 and for the first three of those years as a very successful Club President.

Both auditors were unfortunately away on business so their signed report was read out by the Club Treasurer Bas Veenendaal. Both auditors were relected for a second term.

The 'old' Board was duly discharged and the 'new Board voted in as follows -

President

Ivor JOHNSTONE (RSA)

Secretary

Rolf HOLDENER (CH)

Membership Secretary

Steven BUTTERWORTH (GB/CH)

Treasurer

Bas VEENENDAAL (NL)

Editor IMCZ NEWS

David H A HARRIS (GB)

Board Members

Michael BENTLEY (GB)

There was considerable and in-depth discussion later in the evening regarding the type of events that members want and the format and frequency of the IMCZ NEWS.

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SUNSHINE CLUB

During the AGM it was agreed to organise ski days for those Club members who have the time and opportunity to ski during the week. A number of people professed interest and Fernand Oser 'volunteered' (was enlisted) to go forward with his suggestion. Enthusiastic discussion continued over dinner, after the meeting, and as a result the **SUNSHINE CLUB** was formed for fair-weather skiers, the motto being:

Sküing - but only in the bright sunshine!

The first outing was set for 26 January 1999, and was cancelled because there was not 100% sunshine on the day! Provisional dates have been set as follows: **February 23 (Tuesday), March 23 (Tuesday) and April 15 (Thursday)**

It must be stressed that these outings will only take place if the sun is shining and yes you have read correctly, there will be an outing after Easter on April 15!

If you want to join the sunshine skiers, please record your interest with at least two days notice before an outing by calling - **Fernand Oser on 079-441 05 65**

STAMMTISCH

Having stated on the lead sheet that the Stammtisch is held every Thursday we have to make a correction for the month of February. Because of work schedules at the Casino we have moved the weekly STAMM to Tuesday's. So for those who have not been otherwise notified the STAMM through February will be held on Tuesday's 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Its that time of year again when the annual fees are due. In previous years people have reported loosing the payment slip normally included with the IMCZ NEWS so this year, in conjunction with the bank, we will be mailing an invoice with payment slip attached. This will help our Treasurer enormously as it removes the detective work required to trace some payments. Final arrangements are being made right now and the invoice will be included with the March IMCZ NEWS. On a historical note we can tell you that the membership fees have remained at Fr 55 since 1983. Quite a record.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We have said it many times but its always worth repeating - the IMCZ Board welcome any and all practical suggestions for events so if you have any 'bright ideas', or have useful contacts or if you would like to organise a Club event then please don't be shy contact the Club President, the Club Secretary or the Editor of the IMCZ NEWS now.

REPORT ON THE BURNS SUPPER HELD ON

22 January 1999

by Ivor JOHNSTONE

Sixty-three people enjoyed a successful, fun-filled evening when once again the men's club, in common with thousands of similar gatherings around the world, met at the Restaurant Landhaus in Baar to celebrate the memory of the life and works of Scotland's national bard.

The flavour of the evening was distinctly Scottish with 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.

Events got underway when Ian Park - who was a most entertaining master of ceremonies for the evening - opened the proceedings by telling us a little of Burns history. This followed with Mary Kok reciting the famous Selkirk Grace and then dinner was served. The Restaurant Landhaus produced a very good meal, again successfully preparing the Haggis to perfection.

As is customary, the tradition was observed with an animated Address to the Haggis from Murray Marr and a 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. Fiona Schaller gave the equally humorous reply on behalf of the Lassies. The piping medley played by Billie Patrick was superb with the gathering appreciating the emotion generated by the strains of the Scottish bagpipes.

When the formal part of the evening was over, this celebration of the memory of Robert Burns continued in a most enjoyable fashion with everybody entering into the spirit. The floor was open to all and we were entertained further as a number of people shared humorous stories. (No doubt assisted by the Bowmore whisky!). Ian Park did a great job controlling the heckling mob and a wonderful time was had by all!

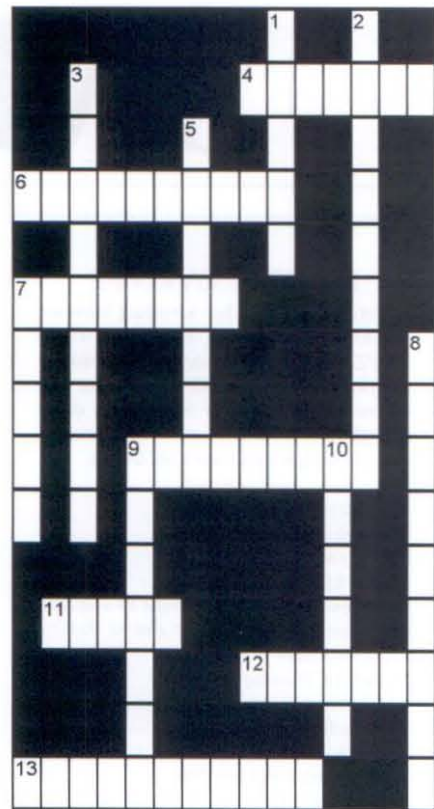
Heartfelt thanks must go to all those who helped make the Burns supper a success, particularly the organisers, the behind the scenes workers and those who contributed on the night. The owners and staff of the Restaurant Landhaus can once again be commended on a great dinner and thanks go to them for all their efforts to make the evening a success.



Our special thanks to Best Taste Trading GmbH for their generous donation of Bowmore Islay Malt Whisky - it was greatly appreciated!

CROSSWORD NO. 8

by Steven BUTTERWORTH



Across

- 4 Rust (7)
- 6 Having a deep blue flower (10)
- 7 Act of fastening together (8)
- 9 Tending to set up corrosion (9)
- 11 Organized group of trained persons (5)
- 12 Bearer of special dispatches (7)
- 13 Plot to defeat a plot (11)

Down

- 1 Place one plays tennis (5)
- 2 Our President (9)
- 3 To Wrinkle (9)
- 5 To give a return blow (7)
- 7 Extracted from corn (5)
- 8 What you open wine with (9)
- 9 2 consecutive lines of verse (7)
- 10 Potent drug (6)

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 7

Across: 1 Squill, 2 Thick, 4 Dispassionate, 6 Addendum, 8 Satan, 10 Lanolin, 13 Sash, 14 Bobbin, 15 Finch, 16 Gloxinia, 17 Scalp, 18 Urdu, 19 Maltster. **Down:** 1 Stigma, 2 Troy, 3 Disown, 5 Abyss, 7 Mandala, 9 Mamba, 10 Libel, 11 Bachelor, 12 Theta, 15 Fix, 16 Glum

ODD FACT

A duck's quack does not produce an echo - and nobody knows why.

TIMELESS DEFINITIONS

'I know exactly what time is, as long as no one asks me to describe it'.

St Augustine, 4th century philosopher and theologian

Vladimir: That passed the time
 Estragon: It would have passed in any case

Vladimir: Yes but not so rapidly
Samuel Beckett, Waiting for Godot

Life is too short to stuff a mushroom
Shirley Conran