

IMCZNEWS



MAY 2008

PRESIDENTIAL DISPATCH

Shaping YOUR Club Ok, so I'm the President. It's not my Club. Actually, it is my club because I'm also a member. But it's yours too, and you outnumber me by a factor of about 230 to 1 (more about that later). So it's mostly your club.

You've gone off and left me in charge of the place, but I'd like to turn the job back over to those folks who really know what they're doing: you. Not only those of you who have been in the Club for years (I've only been here for two) but also those of you who have recently joined and already have some ideas about what you'd like to get out of the Club. We would very much like to tailor the Club's program to the members' interests.

So here's the deal: I want to hear from you. Send it here: President@IMCZ.com. I send you plenty of e-mail – here's your chance to get your revenge! (Picture ME having to wade through 230 e-mails). I'd like you to answer the following questions:

- What do you LIKE about the IMCZ? What are we doing right?
- What DON'T you like about the IMCZ?
What are we doing wrong?
- What WOULD you like about the IMCZ.
What events, activities, topics, changes, etc. would you like to see? When should we schedule them.

It's that easy. Und übrigens: Deutsch können wir auch, falls das Schreiben auf Englisch schwer fällt. Nur her damit!
Operators are standing by!

Membership Dues Thank you to the roughly 190 of you who have paid your membership dues for 2008. We appreciate your support and look forward to your input about what you'd like for the coming year. For the other 40, the reminder period has now expired. Please take care of this today, or this just might be your last IMCZ News. We would very much like to welcome all of last year's members back again for 2008, but should you wish to resign, please send me an e-mail at President@IMCZ.com.

If you wish to remain a member, time is running out. The board would like to publish a membership directory containing up-to-date membership information in June, so we will be closing the rolls shortly.

Membership Directory And that brings me to a related topic that affects all (or at least most) of you. We will be using the membership data which we currently have in the online database as the source of the printed membership directory. If yours isn't up to date, it will be published (incorrectly) just the same. Nationality? Hobbies? PLEASE check and then update your online data. Not sure how that works? See our new column in this issue: "Web InSites".

IMCZ Connects The IMCZ Board has been in discussion during recent months with the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs - FASC. FASC is an umbrella organization whose members are other clubs throughout Switzerland that have English as their club's language. FASC's purpose is to promote friendship and understanding between Switzerland, Great Britain and all English-speaking peoples. The Anglo-Swiss Club of Geneva, Anglo-Swiss Club of Lucerne, clubs from St. Gallen, Lugano, Fribourg, Bern, Basel, Lausanne and many others totaling now 19 in all are part of FASC, with over 2000 members. The IMCZ Board has voted unanimously to apply for IMCZ membership in FASC. We anticipate approval at the FASC Executive Committee meeting in October.

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Remember

to attend the
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18:00 – 20:00.

Join us at the
Park Hotel in Zug.
Through the bar in
the Dining Room.

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Introducing...new members

THE IMCZ WELCOMES:

Nicolas Bruegger, who is Swiss, also displays the renowned Swiss polyglot capability. Nicolas speaks German, French, English, Spanish and basic Italian. Not surprisingly, he counts travelling and reading among his interests. Nicolas works for Resource Consulting AG in Zug and resides in Cham.

Peter Stifel is of Swiss and Australian origin. Peter is a partner in Hollenstein & Partner Insurance Brokers AG in Rapperswil. He speaks German, English and French. Among his interests Peter includes ultra marathon running, skiing, reading and travelling. He and his wife Ellen live in Steinhausen and have two children, Vanessa and Mia.

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PRESIDENTIAL DISPATCH *continued from page one...*

Until October, all IMCZ members are automatically "Guest Members" of FASC, becoming full members upon approval. To answer one question right away - we do not supply our membership list to FASC and you as a FASC member have no direct obligations - only benefits. To answer the second obvious question: you do not have to pay additional membership dues to FASC. For each IMCZ member, the IMCZ will pay CHF 2.- of the fees which you have already paid for annual membership. So: FASC membership is now included in your IMCZ membership at no extra charge to you.

So what benefits does the IMCZ derive from being an FASC member?

- We receive the biannual FASC newsletter.
- We can gain exposure outside of the Zug area by publishing IMCZ events on the FASC website.
- The IMCZ has reduced-price access to English-speaking lecturers from the U.S., the U.K. and Switzerland which are organized by FASC.
- Member-rates at the annual Summer Weekend event. This year's event is a weekend in Kandersteg.
- Participation in the FASC Golf Tournament (typically August/September).
- 50% reduction of the joining fee to the Royal Over-Seas League (ROSL - membership also provides member-rate access to the ROSL "clubhouses" in London and Edinburgh).
- FASC members can attend British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce events at member prices.

I will be supplying additional information as we finalize things with FASC, but I wanted to let you know about the additional benefits which you can expect as a member of the IMCZ.

New Members Reception The Spring 2008 IMCZ New Members Reception at the Parkhotel on April 17th was a raging success with 49 members and two guests attending. Six attendees joined the IMCZ on the spot. Of the 49 members, there were 14 "first-timers" to the Stammtisch, which itself is averaging 20-25 members each week and has been visited by some 89 different members since January.



Feedback from the attendees was universally positive. The Walchwilersaal at the Parkhotel with its bistro table setup provides an ideal venue for socializing and networking. It was the first event of its kind, but the event seems to be a great vehicle to expand the club's active membership and we've already marked the date of the Autumn 2008 New Members Reception for October 16th. Mark your calendars!

Summer Stammtisch As the weather finally improves, we're likely to be outside on the Terrace at the Parkhotel for our Stammtisch. When we're outside, the Parkhotel has agreed to set out bistro tables for us to better facilitate mingling and networking. So come by any Thursday - but especially if the weather's good - to enjoy the early evening air and make some new contacts at the Stammtisch.

IMCZ Name Tags Those who attended the New Members Reception were a little surprised to find that we had created snazzy new IMCZ name tags for each member. With 50 - sometimes new - faces in a crowd, we thought that it would be helpful to put a name to the face. If you haven't yet seen them, they look something like this:



Of course, only David Harris' name tag looks like that but you get the idea. For at least 190 of you (...and hopefully soon the other 40 as well...), I have name tags waiting for you in my office. So give me a call at 041 727 1986 and stop by my office at Poststrasse 30, or if you're coming to a Stammtisch or other event some time soon, drop me an e-mail and I'll bring yours along.

You'll soon see that it can pay to be an IMCZ member with one of those little name tags... for example:

Style of Zug: Special Discount for IMCZ Members

Just opened in Zug, Style of Zug on the Zeughausgasse 4 near the main post office specializes in writing and luxury items - for example, the Montblanc line of fine writing instruments and leather goods. The IMCZ Board has negotiated a special discount for our members. IMCZ Members who show their IMCZ name tags receive a 10% discount on the entire product line offered by Style of Zug. Just one more reason that it pays to be an IMCZ member. Don't have that name tag? Get in touch.

Bowling, Hiking, Poker ... Our monthly bowling event was very successful last month with 29 bowlers attending. Thank you to Steven Butterworth for organizing this popular event.

New member Joel Ray is looking into organizing a regular poker evening. If you're interested, please contact Joel at uofhgoose@yahoo.com.

Membership Coordinator Joe Dow is organizing a monthly hiking event during the Summer months. If you have comments or suggestions or would like to participate or organize a hike, please contact Joe at Membership@IMCZ.com.

Let me know what activity you would like to see. Otherwise I'm going to start an IMCZ knitting circle with mandatory attendance. You've been warned!

Thanks

Thanks for listening. Get me your e-mails and we'll schedule your input for discussion at the next board meeting. Don't make me get out the knitting needles.

David LeBow, IMCZ President

New Members Reception:



(L-R): Michael Dillhyon, Joseph Dow, Karl Hunnisett, Ron Summers



(L-R): Roger Brooks, John Stuart, Phillip LeBow



(L-R): Joop Hubbeling, Joseph Dow

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Board Member bios are posted under the following link: <http://www.imcz.com/Board.asp>. Go ahead and check them out!



IMCZ to Glimpse the Future of Mobility at Acabion

This is a visionary dream realized. You can view it live.

Five factors determine the dynamics of any vehicle: projected area, aerodynamic drag, weight, rolling resistance and engine power. **Acabion**, a visionary motion enterprise striving to innovate future traffic systems, has optimized the first four factors, and boosts the fifth with a high-tech 750 hp engine.

750 hp and 700 lbs vehicle weight result in more than 2100 hp per ton. They boost the jet-like GTBO to jet-fighter punch and to new dimensions of both efficiency and speed. A maximum velocity of 340 mph at half throttle. Acceleration of 0 to 300 mph in less than 30 sec.



THE IMCZ WELCOMES:

John Hosking, an American, speaks English and German. John counts fencing and computers among his interests. John works with APEX Computer Technologies here in Zug, and as a result knows some high-placed officers of the IMCZ. He lives in Berikon.

Christian Priess, hails from Denmark, and in addition to his native Danish speaks English and German. Among his interests Christian counts wine and history. He and his wife Anne reside in Zug with their two children Nikolai and Sebastian.

Stephan Brauch is Swiss, and also works with Resource Consulting AG in Zug. He and his wife Ursula have two girls and live in Zug. Stephan speaks Swiss German and English, and includes skiing, swimming and handicraft in electronics, metal and wood among his interests.

Hans-Peter Schobert, who works with Inter Clamp Finanz AG in Zug, is Swiss. He speaks Swiss German and English, and is interested in sailing and socializing. Hans-Peter lives in Zug.

Richard Toyne is British, and speaks English and French. Among his interests Richard includes hang-gliding, paragliding and skiing. Richard and his partner Natasha reside in Cham.

Gautam Bajekal, who works with Oracle Corporation on the sales side, is an English speaker and is seriously interested in golf and badminton. Gautam lives in Steinhausen.

Gavin Silkstone is British and South African, and straightforwardly enough, speaks English. Gavin runs his own company, Silkstone GmbH, providing SAP implementation for multi-national companies. Among Gavin's interests are mountain biking, hiking and socializing. He and his wife Eva-Maria and daughter Leila-Lisa reside in Oberägeri.

Economic theories say that maximizing effect while simultaneously minimizing effort is not possible. The **Acabion GTBO** proves the opposite. It minimizes weight and maximizes power and aerodynamic efficiency. The effects are out of this world.

100 mph at 1.7% throttle and 100 miles per gallon.
150 mph at 4.3% throttle and 62 miles per gallon.
250 mph at 17% throttle and 25 miles per gallon.

The **Acabion GTBO** starting price is EUR 1.83 million. Tempted? It is one of the most exclusive innovations you can buy, and surely one of the fastest. Each vehicle will be absolutely unique. Construction of one GTBO takes three years. Material and production technology of an Acabion are pure and original Formula 1 composite, as carbon and aramid fiber fibre honeycomb, plus jet fighter technology with composite and titanium alloy key components.

IMCZ Member Steven Butterworth's contact with Acabion have led to a **most unique opportunity**: IMCZ members - a limit of 20 - can view the Acabion GTBO at an exclusive event on **Friday, 27 June beginning at 19:00 at the D4 Business Center Luzern, Place 8 in CH-6039 Root Längenbold**. Members interested in attending should contact Steven Butterworth at butterworth.sp@gmail.com. See the map below.

Dr. Peter Maskus of Acabion, principal in development of this vehicle, will make a presentation and entertain questions afterwards. The talk will be in English. The first drink and the snacks will be free, after which members will pay for further drinks.

The whole presentation will be about mobility, and innovation mainly in the car industry, particularly the lack of real innovation and direction in that industry. We will glimpse the future of mobility.

Those curious to know more about the project can download a brochure: www.acabion.com/pressepics/acabion%20brochure%202008.pdf.

A new book, *The Century of the Innovators*, can be found at www.acabion.com in the section "publications." The book is in German but a translation is underway.

Members are encouraged to download the books and have a good read! You will find fascinating details, comparisons and some thought-provoking information about the state of true innovation, in our world today and indeed over the past century. This is an incremental work in progress, and will be finished during August of this year. Furthermore, Acabion wishes you to spread the word about the book, since the company considers the whole message important for humanity and future mobility.



Plants Galore at the Seleger Moor

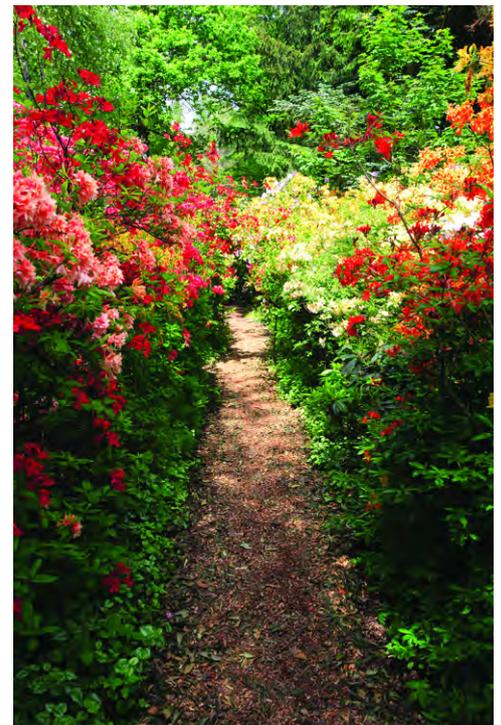
Spreading over 120 hectares in nearby Rifferswil, the Seleger Moor holds the largest collection of rhododendrons and azaleas in Switzerland, along with a fern garden, water lilies, numerous other horticultural gems and a surprising collection of birds and other animals.

The rhododendrons are now at their height of bloom, and aptly timed, IMCZ member Roland Dünner offered once again to accompany Club members on an admiring stroll and guided tour in English around the moor. The event took place Tuesday, 20 May 2008, beginning at 18:00 at the main entrance and lasted approximately 90 minutes.

The moor presents a sensual paradise: a burgeoning flood of colors in blossom and leaf, in shape, size and variety. The ears and nose are no less enticed, since brooks gurgle throughout, frogs splash into ponds and the chatter and call of birds can be heard in the background. Flowers' delicate and indelicate aromas pervade the atmosphere, including that of the infamous yellow skunk cabbage.

Three kilometers of paths wind through shrubs and trees, alongside sumptuous gardens, creeks and ponds, bringing visitors in touch with the park's offerings, instituted by Robert Seleger in 1953 and now operating as a foundation under the patronage of Migros Zurich. Photographers are greatly encouraged, and whoever who can capture both audio and olfactory with his equipment go home with a special treat. For those who can be lured to return, the Seleger Moor remains open for viewing till 31 July (the season runs from 19 April to 31 July) with daily hours from 8 to 19 o'clock.

Seleger Moor is in the Rifferswil area just a few kilometers from Zug on the road between Baar and Affoltern am Albis. It is well sign-posted.





IMCZ Attends Historic CERN 2008 Open Day

Contributed by IMCZ member Roger Brooks

The Event

With due credit to president David LeBow for organization, several IMCZ members enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the Centre Européen de la Recherche Nucleaire (CERN) on its "Open Day" last month. On Sunday, 6 April, CERN's Open Day gave the public a last chance to look at the enormous project before operations begin. Events were held at eight different sites, although access at some sites was limited to local residents. The Large Hadron Collider (LHC), one of the biggest projects ever conceived to expand the barriers of scientific knowledge, held center stage.

"Palais de l'Equilibre" has become Globe of l'Innovation

The former Palais de l'Equilibre, the great wooden globe originally constructed in Neuchatel for the Swiss Expo in 2002, now stands reassembled at the main entrance to CERN as the Globe of l'Innovation.



Of great interest would have been to descend into the LHC's main tunnel, which is 27 km in circumference, to have a tour of some segment of the accelerator. However, inquiry into ticket availability forecast a wait of at least four hours. By consensus we decided to skip the descent and focus on the many lectures, tours and presentations being held above ground.

Nobel Prize Winner Live

Our first stop was a special lecture on superconductivity by Nobel Prize winner Anthony Leggett, found with the assistance of a charming young volunteer. Crowded and difficult as it was to see and hear, we stayed as long as our understanding of basic physics could keep up.

Steve Goldfarb and Muons with Lunch

For most of us the high point of the visit was an informal conversation with Steve Goldfarb, one of the experimental physicists working on the ATLAS project. Steve, a friend of David LeBow's, met with us over lunch at the "Physicists Café," a large tent erected near the globe.

Steve Goldfarb came to physics by chance, but as a graduate student at the University of Michigan he received the opportunity to come to CERN, and has now been employed at the center nearly twenty years. He has been involved in software development since his arrival, most recently serving as coordinator for the Muon Spectrometer software for four years and currently involved in database

development. Steve spent more than an hour explaining to us how people work together at CERN as well as some interesting details about the ATLAS project.



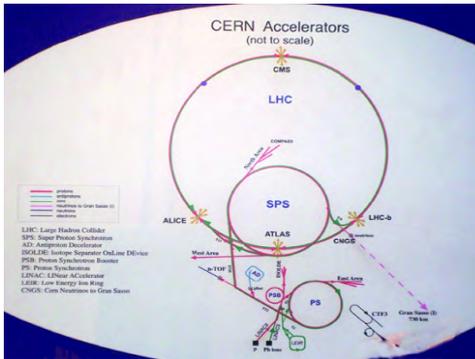
Steve Goldfarb (left) holds IMCZ members in rapture over lunch in the Physicists Café.

ATLAS

ATLAS (A Toroidal LHC ApparatuS) is one of two experiments (the other is ALICE, A Large Ion Collider Experiment) around the 27 km ring of the LHC designed to detect the hypothetical Higgs boson, which is thought to be the particle which conveys gravitational force (just as photons convey electromagnetic force). This is one of the major thrusts of the LHC project, and could revolutionize our understanding of physics. Steve Goldfarb modestly indicated how satisfied he would be with detecting higher-energy members of the family of muons, which he is already investigating.

Globe of l'Innovation

Following lunch we visited the exhibition inside the globe. The poster below shows the structure of the larger particle accelerators at CERN, and the positions of the four major experiments around the LHC: ALICE, ATLAS, CMS and LHC-b.



The LHC is cooled to less than 2 degrees above absolute zero (the temperature at which all molecular motion would cease). This makes it colder than interstellar space.

Permanent Exhibition, "Microcosm"

The CERN reception building permanent exhibition, "Microcosm", conveys considerable information on work at CERN and its history. For those who could not attend the Open Day and would like to learn more about CERN, this exhibit remains open to the public.

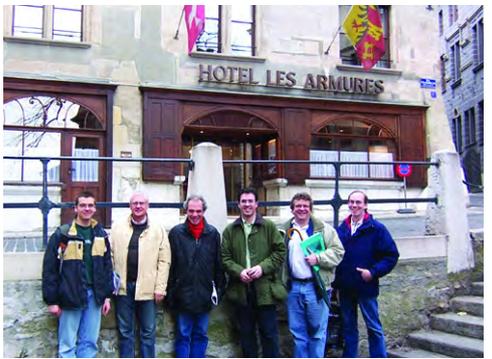
LHC Extends Frontiers of Physics

I attended a talk that summed up in less than an hour the major questions which physics still has to answer, and how the LHC project will help extend the boundaries of our knowledge. For example, we still don't know what 96% of the universe is made of. The LHC will accelerate sub-atomic particles to over

99.9% of the speed of light. The collisions between these particles will produce temperatures more than a billion times hotter than the sun's interior, and give us insight into conditions shortly after the "big bang" thought to mark the origin of the universe we know.

Compact Linear Collider (CLIC)

The group also took part in a Compact Linear Collider (CLIC) tour. The ring-formed accelerators (cyclotrons) currently used in high-energy particle physics research need prodigious amounts of energy to curve the paths of particles travelling near the speed of light. CLIC is an experiment to determine whether a new technique for accelerating particles may hold the key to building successors of the LHC, which will be able to reach even higher energies, allowing us to simulate conditions even closer to the primordial "big bang."



Outside the Hotel les Armures, where dinner of fondue preceded our return trip. Pictured from left to right: Nicholas LeBow, Jack Sami, Benny Attas, Joseph Dow, David LeBow and John Hosking. Michael Dillhyon, John Stuart and his partner Carmen, and author Roger Brooks also attended the event.

Summary and Logistics

Clearly, the events and exhibits at CERN could have kept us occupied for several days. They give an inkling of how our understanding of the universe is built up, of what it takes to learn more, and of how much more there is to be known.

Travel to Geneva had proceeded smoothly, from where we transferred by tram and bus to the main CERN campus in Meyrin. Crowds got larger as we attempted to catch the connecting bus at Avanchet, and our group only arrived at Meyrin in two stages.

On departure, the throng surrounding the bus station made even the approach difficult. Again the group was separated, and those of us who could not board opted for a taxi to transport us to our dinner meeting point at Hotel les Armures.

We avidly discussed the onslaught of visitors in Geneva and the city's poor preparation on the return trip. An initial prediction foresaw 10,000 visitors. The coordinating staff onsite indicated about 40,000. We afterwards heard estimates as high as 70,000. Despite the local logistical meltdown, everything went smoothly and according to plan. Thanks again to IMCZ President David LeBow for the formidable organization! We look forward to more enjoyable and thought-provoking IMCZ outings in the future.



Board Meets Board: IMCZ and ZIWC Convene to Promote Collaboration

The governing boards of the International Men's Club of Zug and the Zug International Women's Club held a joint meeting on 14th May to reaffirm goals of cooperation and mutual support. The two organizations have not always cooperated in an exemplary fashion, even though they have a history of sponsoring events together such as the Bowling Challenge, with one of the clubs also often inviting the other's membership to attend its own event.

Promoting a good cooperative relationship has both origin and benefit for many members of these organizations at home: spouse or partner of many is also a member of the other club. And as at home, so do the two clubs consider it necessary and valuable to review experiences and goals, thereby learning from each other.

Since the two clubs are also dynamic, their respective boards experience personnel changes from year to year, which itself is another reason for them to convene periodically for face-to-face introductions and dialogue which can generate new ideas for cooperation. The last such gathering took place in 2007 on the initiative of David LeBow, and in the meantime both boards have held Annual General Meetings at which new members were elected.

IMCZ President David LeBow opened the meeting in the Casino's Round Room with words of welcome and thanks to the ZIWC and its current board for agreeing to the meeting and support for past and coming events. He congratulated the ZIWC Board on their recent successful Annual General Meeting and fresh election. A prime motivator for the meeting, LeBow emphasized in addressing the guests, is that "We, the two Boards together, have a common constituency of some 700 - 800 expatriates and English-speaking people in the greater Zug area. We schedule events that are similar and sometimes conflict, and meetings like this can foster the dialogue that can help us avoid that. To my knowledge the Boards cooperate better than they used to. There's a lot that we on the Men's Club Board can learn from you."

He then gave the floor to Meri Müller-de Jong, President of the ZIWC, serving in her second year, who introduced the ZIWC Board Members and explained their roles. Müller-de Jong echoed some of LeBow's remarks in mentioning that the average age on the Board had gone down with recent elections, but also commented, "A number of our Board members are new, which brings in new ideas and personalities, and it also means we're not laden with whatever history of disputes there might have been, and I think that's kind of nice. We're ready to go forward with fresh ideas." The ZIWC Board Members are:

- President, **Meri Müller-de Jong**
- Vice President, **Heidi Helfenberger**
- Treasurer, **Petra Hickman**
- Secretary, **Carol Gipson**
- Editorial Chairwoman (Newsletter): **Dawn Ray**
- Editorial Chairwoman (Web): **Amanda Birtwhistle**
- Programme Chairwoman: **Jennie Brough**
- Party Chairwoman: **Linda Stäger**
- Hospitality Chairwoman: **Gerie Servi**
- Interest Groups Coordinator: **Nicole Buehler**

"Officers of the Board":

- Advertising Coordinator: **Saakje Daalhuijsen**
- Membership Coordinator: **Mary Steger**

Unfortunately, Gerie Servi, Jennie Brough, Amanda Birtwhistle and Mary Steger could not attend the meeting, but Ms. Servi and Ms. Brough will appear and introduce themselves at the next IMCZ Board Meeting on 27 May. Men's Club Treasurer Fabian Nicolussi was also absent.

Following these introductions, David LeBow resumed with his own on behalf of the IMCZ, also outlining the Club's goals for 2008. "We're trying to increase the Club's level of activity, to strengthen our membership, and also to improve our marketing. We've improved the newsletter and the website, we have flyers, business cards for Board Members, and we plan to publish a membership directory. We held a new members' reception, and plan to hold an appreciation evening later in the year. Another clear goal is to increase cooperation with the Women's Club. Inasmuch as we've gained in event ideas from the Women's Club, we also try to publicize your events in our newsletter. Beyond this we're trying to network with other organizations like the HSG Alumni Association, the Federation of Anglo-Swiss Clubs and so forth."

He and other Board Members mentioned the success of the Club's Stammtisch as the most continuous event that has drawn members together. Following these mutual introductions and personal reflections on the respective Clubs' goals, the 'floor' was open for discussion. The meeting was followed by an apéro that presented further opportunity for circulation and more personal exchange between the governors of the two organizations.

The joint meeting received pronounced appreciation from both Boards. It reaffirmed the two Clubs' dedication to offering contact, outlets, activity and service for the international community in Zug, thereby contributing to the culture and development of the region and the comfortable integration of entrants to and residents in Central Switzerland. The IMCZ and the ZIWC will continue to collaborate and support each other, for the benefits of their memberships and the broader Zug community.

Another ZIWC Invitation! Oriental Evening on 31 May

ZIWC Party Committee Chairwoman Linda Stäger and her team extend a special invitation to IMCZ members to participate in an Oriental Evening at the Malabar Lounge (www.malabar-lounge.ch) in Cham on Saturday, 31 May, beginning at 19:00. The event promises an unforgettable evening of Indian culture, evoked by an exotic atmosphere and exquisite food including welcome drinks, Asian aperitif delicacies, a four-course dinner, exhibition of Indian customs, Bollywood dancing, a DJ and bar.

Smart-casual attire meets the evening's dress code, with entrance costing CHF 80.00 per person to be paid at the door or in advance via Postfinance (17-521935-3) with reference "Party." Members wishing to attend should contact Linda Stäger at party@ziwc.ch or 078 739 0540 by 26 May.

The Malabar Lounge is located at Alte Steinhäuserstrasse 21 in Cham, (Tel.: +41 41 748 0290). Bus line 6 stops right nearby at Cham, Gewerbestrasse. The Zuger Stadtbahn stops at Cham Alpenblick, from where a walk of approximately 0.8 km along the Zugerstrasse leads to the Alte Steinhäuserstrasse. By car from Zug the Zugerstrasse intersects with the Alte Steinhäuserstrasse, and the area can also be accessed from the 4a exit along the Zug-Lucerne expressway. For further details see <http://map.search.ch/cham/alte-steinhauserstr.21>.

ZIWC INVITATION: TGIF THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY!

(The gentlemen whistle and clap.)

**After a long week, let's all get together to have some fun!
All ZIWC and IMCZ Members are welcome!**

(They stomp their feet; they can hardly believe they're doing it again.)

**Come to The Date and be enticed.
Enjoy a cocktail or glass of champagne; make new friends while swaying to the beat!**

(The subtle lighting is tantalizing; that person over there looks nice.)

Perfect way to kick-off the weekend ahead!

(Go and introduce yourself. The night is young. The leather upholstery is so comfortable.)

- Date:** May 23, 2008,
last Friday of the month
- Time:** 18:30 to 21:00
- Place:** **The Date** Lounge Bar
Bundesplatz 16
6300 Zug
- RSVP:** Gerie Servi at
hospitality@ziwc.ch by **May 21**
if you would like to stop by.
- Directions:**
Walking distance from
Zug Bahnhof; accessible with
Bus 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13
- (You can lead a man to water...)*





Web InSite #1: Logging On

Contributed by IMCZ Webmaster David LeBow

You can find your Club's home page at www.IMCZ.com/Home.asp. From there, click on the "Member Login" button. What you do here depends upon whether you have already successfully signed on before.

• I have already signed on and have a password.

Enter your first name, last name and password in the three fields and click the "Login" button. If the names and password match, you will be logged on.

• I have already signed on but forgot my password.

Click the "Click here and we will E-Mail you your password" link. This will take you to a page where you enter your first and last names. Clicking the "Submit" button will cause an e-mail to be sent to you with your password. This will be sent to your HOME e-mail address if we have one. If not, it will be sent to your work e-mail address.

• I haven't yet signed on.

Click the "Click here to sign up as a website user" link. That will take you to a page where you can see (and must agree to) the terms of use. You can then enter your first and last names and request a password. If the website can find you in the database and you have paid your membership dues, this will cause an e-mail to be sent to you with your password. This will be sent to your HOME e-mail address if we have one. If not, it will be sent to your work e-mail address.

• @\$*&!! I still can't sign on.

Click the "Click here to send an E-Mail to the Webmaster" link. That will let you send an e-mail to the webmaster. We'll get things straightened out for you.

"Remember Me": If you check the "Remember Me" checkbox, your first and last name will be stored on that computer in a "Cookie". The next time you open the login page, your name will be automatically entered in the form fields. You will however always need to enter your password. **Success:** Once you have logged on, you will see the "Logon successful" page and your name will be shown in the page header until you log out. You will now have access to all of the member areas on the website. These include: the member directory, the bulletin board, member resources and the ability to sign up for event-calendar events online. The latest newsletter will also be available to you from the home page.

Web InSite #2: Changing/Updating Your Membership Data

The online database is the main source of member information. If your information is wrong or incomplete there, it will also be wrong in the printed membership directory. If you move or change your e-mail address and don't let us know, you might not receive Club information. If a change has occurred or will occur, please check and complete/correct your membership information. If you haven't done so recently or if you know of a change, please check and complete/correct your membership information. Here's how:

- 1) Log on to the website (see: **Web InSite #1, Logging On**) at www.IMCZ.com/Login.asp.
- 2) Click the "Member Enquiry" button
- 3) In the "Enter Search Criteria" box, enter your last name and click "Search". Your membership entry should appear in the resulting list.
- 4) Click the "Edit" link on your entry to display your membership information.
- 5) If you see something which needs changing, make the change. When all changes have been made, click the "Save" button at the bottom of the page. If nothing needs changing, click the "Home" button.

This is the best way to keep the IMCZ up to date, so that we can keep you informed. Thanks.



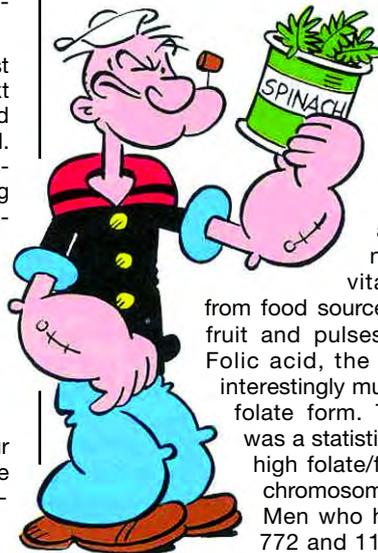
NUTRITION MORE SERIOUSLY: Planning to have a child? Then you better eat your spinach!

Contributed by IMCZ member Remo P. Jutzeler van Wijlen, Head R&D Sponser Sports Food Ing. Appl Food Sciences, MAS Nutrition & Health ETHZ

This is a truly Men's Club story! A new study has identified a possible link between men's intake of the vitamin folic acid and better sperm quality - a finding that may indicate that men should up their intake before conception as well as women. The link between a woman's intake of folate (the food-bound form of folic acid) and healthy foetal development has long been known.

Folate greatly reduces the risk of neural tube defects like spina bifida. Planning folate intake is not so easy, given that folic acid supplementation is encouraged some weeks before conception! This sets a whole new light on the term "taking the pill". It appears that men too should take care to ingest sufficient amounts of this vitamin for fertility reasons.

It is estimated that between 1-4% of a healthy man's sperm have some form of chromosomal damage which has been implicated in failure to conceive and miscarriages, as well as children born with conditions such as Down's, Turner's and Klinefelter's syndromes.



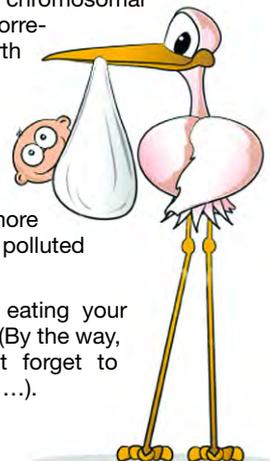
A recent study involved 89 healthy, non-smoking men who gave sperm samples and were questioned about their total intake of the nutrients zinc, folate, vitamin C, vitamin E and beta-carotene - both from food sources (such as green leafy vegetables, fruit and pulses) and from dietary supplements. Folic acid, the synthetic form of the vitamin, is interestingly much better absorbed than the natural folate form. The researchers found that there was a statistically significant association between high folate/folic acid intake and lower specific chromosomal sperm damage.

Men who had the highest intake of between 772 and 1150 micrograms per day were seen to have 20-30% less sperm damage than those

with the lowest intake of this vitamin. This correlation does not prove that folate/folic acid is causal for lower chromosomal damage. There are other clearly non-causal correlations, such as - believe it or not - higher birth rates in regions with high stork populations!

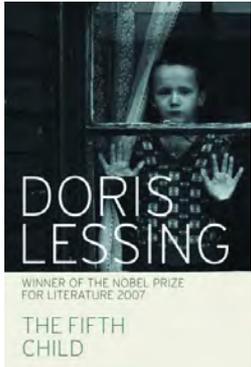
This is not a fairy tale; the association is clear, but not causal. Both factors (higher stork populations and higher birth rates) coincide with rural regions where social status is usually lower, but at the same time offers more natural habitats for storks as well as less polluted environments.

Nevertheless you have another reason for eating your spinach besides wanting to emulate Popeye. (By the way, once your wife is happily pregnant, don't forget to encourage her to take it easy on the caffeine ...).



The Fifth Child Stirs Reading Circle Debate

2007 Nobel Prize winner Doris Lessing's novel *The Fifth Child*, an explosive modern horror story, provided grit for debate at the April meeting of the Reading Circle for English Language Literature run by IMCZ News Editor Andrew DeBoo.



The book is a brief, incendiary evocation of the controversy in having and rearing children in our age. Lessing criticizes social norms, couples in their ruthless idealism, and families in the influence they exert on their members. She takes to task institutions such as medicine and education in their incapability to deal with deviants from a too broadly defined norm, and

raises questions in the reader about our own capability to accept and empathize with other individuals.

Harriet and David are both out of step with their time, the late swinging sixties of sexual promiscuity and loose relationships. They espy this in each other at a crowded Christmas party, at which

most attendees display themselves in uncontrolled dancing and drinking that resembles a year-end mating ritual.

From starkly different family backgrounds, David a child of divorced parents and Harriet of a long-suffering mother, they desire to procreate largely in a family environment, shunning the fortuitous, self-seeking relationships their peers pursue.

Determined in their lofty ideal, the Lovatts take on a house and mortgage of gross dimensions against the advice of David's two sets of parents and Harriet's mother, thereby enlisting other characters in their story's realization. James, David's father, will pay the mortgage (with his new wife Jessica's money), and Dorothy, Harriet's mother, will attend when the first child is brought so soon to the world against the couple's wiser judgment and failed planning.

The Lovatts' ideal expands-really-to fill their large house. They do not restrain themselves. Relatives and friends are invited during holidays, who pitch in to lessen Harriet's load and buoy her endurance as four pregnancies follow in quick succession. David and Harriet repeatedly draw on the financial and child-rearing resources of James and Dorothy. The couple brooks no counsel on the liberties they are taking. Though Harriet is exhausted, David and Harriet persist and tip the balance still more: their fifth child, Ben, soon arrives.

Ben is different from the first four, Luke, Helen, Jane and Paul, who have been so easy to manage despite the strains posed on their parents and extended family. David and Harriet assert their preeminence as the family center against protests by Harriet's sisters Sarah and Angela that Dorothy has been entirely appropriated.

Never having borne pregnancy well, Harriet meets her match in young Ben. His size, strength and less sociable demeanor make him an opponent in her mind. Others in the family see clearly the crass disparity between Harriet's view of her motherly hopes for herself and her ability to live out this vision in reality. David's assistance in child-rearing is simply to work harder trying to make ends meet. Molly and Frederick, David's academic mother and step-father, chide and needle as academics do.

The extended family decides with gruesome insistence against Harriet's wishes that Ben will be

institutionalized, and summarily he is whisked away. The family doctor has been circumvented in this too; he does not see Ben as a problem. Instead, he prescribes tranquilizers for Harriet.

If love for Ben can be spoken of, it emerges now in Harriet when he is gone. Unable to bear the situation, she drives to drizzly Scotland to fetch him. She thereby ruptures her alliance with David and the other children, who do not like Ben and do not want to live with him.

To control Ben at home, Harriet is reduced to threatening him with his memories of institutionalization to check his behavior. The family is broken. The oldest three children arrange with grandparents to attend boarding school, and young Paul must see a psychiatrist. David is unforgiving of Harriet's injury to their home. Schools succeed no further in socializing the large and abnormally energetic boy who cannot empathize with others despite his studious observation of them.

Ben finds connection with the part-time gardener, John, a dissipated youth. David and Harriet arrange with John that he and his friends will look after Ben-for pay. This devilish compromise reinstates peace at home, as long as questions about where John's wild group are flashing about, or how another that Ben finds after John and his friends depart are financing their escapades, remain unspoken.

Harriet must admit that she has never succeeded in understanding her son, her wonder and curiosity at him notwithstanding. She sees him roar off with his mates, hears news reports of gang violence and suspects his involvement. Harriet tries to attain a more detailed grasp of him, but has no bridge. She resigns to the notion that Ben's ancient, instinctual capability will steer his survival as in other species, leading him mysteriously even as the outsider she herself once was, towards others with whom he might live abidingly.

Lessing scribes a modern horror story, beginning with simple, innocent elements that nonetheless contain dark and inexplicable aspects, dragging the reader through a confrontation with individual beliefs, societal mores, institutions that are meant for our protection and edification. She questions uncritical trust or ideals as a blind to reality. She stabs further at our ability even to question, which negotiates so delicately with our acceptance of truths.

The Reading Circle's next text was National Book Award winner Richard Powers's *The Echo Maker*, a tale of the brain and consciousness itself, spun through the stories a young accident victim, a sibling, a renowned scientist, a nurse's aid and others, many of whom are suffering from crises of identity. The meeting on 15 May will be reported on in the next edition of the IMCZ News. For further information on the Reading Circle please contact Andrew DeBoo.

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FEST No. 6 Raises the Curtain on English-Language Theatre

The English Theatre Group of Zug, of which IMCZ member Bruce Mathers is President, will hold the 6th Festival of English Speaking Theatre (FEST) in the Lorzensaal in Cham from **Thursday, June 5th to Saturday, June 7th 2008.**

The festival will include two evenings and an afternoon of theatrical and musical entertainment performed by seven English-speaking theatre groups from across Switzerland.

Tickets cost CHF 30.- per day or CHF 70.- for all 3 performance days, and can be obtained from SBB railway stations, post offices & other Ticketcorner outlets throughout Switzerland (Manor, or www.ticketcorner.com). For further information see www.etgz.ch.

The performances include the following:

Thursday, June 5, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

Performing Group: Upstage, Berne

Play and author: The Proposal, by Anton Chekhov

The landowner Ivan Vassilievich Lomov, decides to propose marriage to the daughter of his neighbor and long standing family friend. He arrives at their house, but before he can propose he and his friend have a fierce argument about the ownership of some meadows. Insults are exchanged and the unhappy suitor leaves without proposing. The daughter learns the true nature of Lomov's visit from her father and demands that he return.

Performing Group: Zurich Comedy Club

Play and author: In Room Five Hundred and Four, by Jimmie Chinn

Sitting in a seedy boarding-house room in Skegness, Edie is reminiscing over the past. Out of her memory step a younger Edie and Harry on their wedding-day in February 1942. Together they discover the uncertainties of their relationship and wartime in the span of one night; the next day Harry will leave for the front, never to return.

Friday, June 6, 2008, 8:00 p.m.

Performing Group: Semi-Circle Basel

Play and author: The Author's Voice, by Richard Greenberg

Portia, a pretty editor, is smitten with her latest protégé, a handsome young writer named Todd. She accompanies him back to his New York apartment, hoping to learn where he gets his inspiration. His conversation, however, is strangely banal; the only time he isn't boring is when he quotes his novel in progress. In fact, Todd is not the real author of this novel. The author is a surprise!

Performing Group: The English Theatre Group of Zug:

Play and author: Extracts from Assassins (musical) by Stephen Sondheim

Stephen Sondheim's black comedy Assassins provides a captivating look at the lives, loves and lunacy of nine infamous American assassins from John Wilkes Booth to Lee Harvey Oswald.

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this white space could have been a great place for an advertisement for your company.

you could have had these guys design it for you.

when will you learn?



Saturday, June 7, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

Performing Group: Village Players Lausanne

Play and author: The Great Nebula in Orion, by Lanford Wilson

Two women friends, separated by years and events, meet up by chance and re-discover themselves and their dreams. In a Central Park West apartment overlooking the Planetarium, they reveal secrets, revisit wounds, share old laughs and find new ones while rekindling an important bond.

Performing Group: GEDS (Geneva):

Play and author: The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish, by David Tristram

The play is a version of "The Secret Lives of Henry and Alice" and portrays the exotic daydreams of a couple, Henry and Alice, trying to escape the boredom of their conjugal life. Their fantasies, witnessed only by their goldfish Orca, seem to lead them in different directions but end up by drawing them back together.

Performing Group: GAOS (Geneva)

Play and author: Extracts from I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (musical), by Jo Dipietro (Book & Lyrics), Jimmy Roberts (Composer)

A satirical look at relationships from first date to the bitter end. A selection of sketches from Off-Broadway's longest-running musical. It celebrates the modern-day suburban mating game, exploring the joys of dating, romance, marriage, lovers, husbands, wives, and in-laws.



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Swiss Ski Areas REVIEW

By IMCZ Membership Coordinator Joseph J. Dow

Still no takers to debate the features and virtues of local ski resorts. Don't let my legal background intimidate you! This month's review will, however, be the last for this season, so you've got lots of time to consider what you'd like to say to me when we start up again.



This month we're off to Champéry, located in Valais, with good rail connections but worth a few days' stay for your time.

Champéry in Les Portes du Soleil

- **Location:** In the Valais on the French Border, approximately 4.5 hours from Zug (Zug - Zurich - Lausanne - Champéry). It's a long ride and you would probably want to stay for a few days at least.
- **Village:** Reputed to be a stereotypical Swiss ski village. It's quiet and very small with basically one street with some shops and restaurants.
- **Scenery:** Nice, but I had stormy weather for the 3 days I was there.
- **Runs:** A huge area if you include the rest of the Portes du Soleil with some great cruising runs. The slopes of Champéry itself are limited to the Planachaux area, but it's right next to the Champoussin area. If you drop over the mountains into France after a long and very flat blue run, you can ski more cruisers in Avoriaz. Be careful, this place is so big and the layout is so confusing that you will definitely get lost. I skied the first day having no idea where I was, especially with the fog.
- **Lift System:** A maze of confusion. The lines can get very long. As careful as you are, you can easily get stuck in France with no easy way to get back to Switzerland. I planned my time carefully, but still got into trouble when the main lift at Mossette was shut down early due to dangerous high winds. The French lift personnel just stood around saying, "She is closed." and gave no direction at all. It was a frantic, chaotic race against the clock to head back to Switzerland via a circuitous and counterintuitive route to get to the Chavanette chair, home of the infamous, "Swiss Wall." It didn't help that everyone along the way kept saying, "You'll never make it." The Wall is a mean and dirty (literally) yellow downhill route and is probably the steepest piste in Switzerland having normally horrible conditions as they were when I was there. It was technically closed although skiers were sliding down it. I opted for a miserable, wind-blasted ride down the rickety, old chair lift due to the time restrictions.
- **Food:** Very, very good in Les Lindarets. But be careful; I didn't realize I was in France and thought at the time that 20 Francs, actually 20 Euros, was quite reasonable for the ample and tasty portions I received for lunch.
- **Conclusion:** A crazy area, impossible to easily cover and navigate unless you are there for the season.

IN GENERAL:

- Two very useful websites for information on ski resorts, weather conditions and operating hours/ status are:
 - Snow-Forecast.com: <http://www.snow-forecast.com/> with free snow dump e-mail alerts covering seemingly every ski area in Switzerland and the world.
 - Myswitzerland.com: http://snow.myswitzerland.com/snow_reports the official Swiss tourism website with up-to-date snow conditions reports and links to the areas.

As avid a skier as I am, I'm interested in seeing and critiquing new locations. If you want to suggest a place I could review, or even plan a trip next season, just let me know. We'll continue cruising the slopes next season.

From the Lanes... IMCZ Bowling

April 21 brought out 28 bowlers-some welcome newcomers and many familiar faces-to the Cherry Bowl in Sihlbrugg. The group occupied 7 lanes and rocked the alleys with high-scoring games. The men's scoring race was decided by a mere two pins, with Dan Birtwhistle besting Otto Steuri 454 to 452, and David LeBow placing third at 429 for three games. Carol Gipson (396), Gerie Servi (369) and Janis Meier (361) led the ladies.



Steven Butterworth remarked, "Something I've been trying to encourage, quietly and without fuss, is that the good bowlers give advice to the not-so-good. This is happening now, and it's great to see. I have hopes now for my own bowling, since Janis Meier gave me some tips on proper ball release. I get a straighter roll now, and with a bit of work on aim my scores might start climbing."

The IMCZ's regular bowling event for Club members takes place on the 3rd Monday of every month: the next event took place

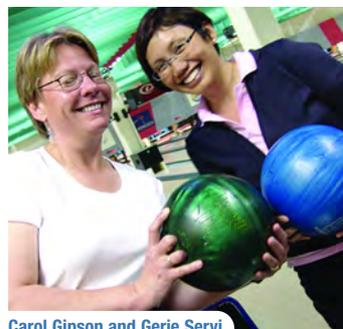


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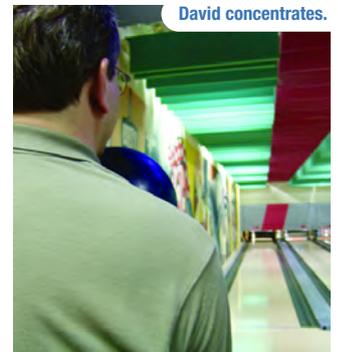
May 19, to be followed by June 16. Steven Butterworth has negotiated a splendid 25% discount with the Cherry Bowl (just off the end of the freeway in Sihlbrugg).

The crush of strikes and thrill of spares begins at 19:30, and the event is open to registered and prospective IMCZ and ZIWC members. Early arrival to assure good shoes, a good ball and some liquid calisthenics is encouraged. Reservations are required, since the Cherry Bowl must be notified of how many bowlers to expect. Please

contact Steven Butterworth by the preceding Friday via e-mail or phone, butterworthsp@gmail.com or 041/790 4172. If you register to bowl and can't attend, you must let him know by the preceding Friday. The IMCZ No-Show policy applies. The cost for an evening is CHF 20.00 for two hours of bowling and shoe rental - a bargain indeed - and concludes at 21:30.



Carol Gipson and Gerie Servi



David concentrates.

NICOLE	42	48	51	61	203
JOE	72	81	89	105	387
RON	81	90	98	127	396



Full House? Royal Flush? What's Your Hand?

You'll only find the place if you're invited, go with someone who can vouch for you and knows how to get there. A twisting walk to a back alley somewhere in downtown Zug. The coded knock, some kind of a hand sign through the window in the door, then the bouncer, bald-headed with a goatee, wearing dark glasses, and more muscular than my SUV steps out. "Who's that?" he asks.

"He's with me. I told Joel he was coming."

"If Joel says so, then have a good evening, gentlemen." He smiles and stands aside the door, and we can glimpse the single spots of light over the tables in the otherwise dark and smoke-filled room.



This scenario is **not** what you will find at a Club Poker Evening. IMCZ member Joel Ray is interested and willing to lead the deal in starting a regular round of poker. Card sharks, high-stakes bettors and those with ambition are encouraged to contact Joel, since the numbers may make a difference in the possible venue and organizational details. Joel can be reached at uofhgoose@yahoo.com.

Rugby Club Zug Starts a Mini's Club

Contributed by IMCZ Board Member John Stuart

The Rugby Club Zug has been running for over 15 years, with its first team currently battling on in National League B, and a junior's section (The Saints) with over 30 youngsters. The Saints kicked off 3 years ago, and are doing very well.

RCZ Director Roger Zubler is pleased to inform that requests from interested parents have led to plans to start a Mini's section.

The RCZ invites interested parents to an inaugural meeting and informal discussion on **Tuesday, 10th June, at 7 pm in the Lunch-Room of International School of Zug** to address such issues as:

- Venue
- Frequency of club sessions
- Parental support to keep the club going
- Insurance
- Future integration with the Swiss Rugby Federation, to join in on tournaments
- Any other topic.

The Mini's Club would run on Sunday mornings from 9.30 - 11.00 am. Depending on the number of children interested they would be split up into groups.

- Minis: all children aged up to 9 years old
- Poussins: all children from 10 - 12 years old

Children older than 12 would be recommended to join the Saints in Zug (please see the website www.saintsrugby.ch for training times and location).

Please confirm your interest and attendance at the meeting with Roger C. Zubler. Any questions can be addressed to him. Mr. Zubler's details: Tel.: 056/6106586. Mobile: 079 503 0718. Email: rogerc@rogerzubler.ch.

From the Links -- IMCZ Golfers' Network



Contributed by IMCZ Board Member John Stuart

Since starting the weekly 9-hole round on Saturday mornings, we've had 6 members participating, 2 prospective members and someone who just happened to be there.

On April 5, six of us kicked off the IMCZ 9-hole season on a very mild spring day. The competition was tough with no one using their "Mulligan" on the first hole. We decided on an entry fee of CHF 5.- that would eventually go to the winner. The other rule was that the winner must buy the drinks at the end.

Heikki Poutanen proved to be too good for the rest of us, and we can only guess that his regime of playing golf at least once a day is paying off.

The following week (12 April) there were two of us and a guest. The guest was somewhat of a beginner but played very well. Always on the lookout for new members we suggested that the guest might be interested in joining the Men's club. We realized the error of our ways when it was discovered that she was, in fact, a woman. I suppose we should have been suspicious as she always drove off from the Women's tees.

And so it goes on; the start of a long and enjoyable season where skills will be tested, bested, and reputations made and ruined.

If you feel you'd like to come along on a Saturday morning around 9:30 am please feel free to contact board member John Stuart at 079 215 6871 or by mail, giving your name, PLZ (post code) and handicap. Mail: board@IMCZ.com.



IMCZ GOLF SATURDAY MORNING ROUND

A few members have mentioned that it would be nice for the IMCZ golf enthusiasts to get together for a relaxing round of golf at the week-end.

To this end we are asking if anyone would be interested in playing on Saturday mornings, starting at around 9:00 or 9:30 for 9 holes of golf at Ennetsee GC (Migros).

At that time of the morning it usually takes only 2 hours to complete the round so we'll have enough time for a quiet celebration afterwards before taking on the rest of the week-end.

Anyone who is interested should contact John Stuart by mail or telephone giving your name, PLZ (post code) and handicap.

Mail: board@IMCZ.com
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IMCZ RESOURCES

David LeBow has posted the AGM minutes • President's Report • IMCZ Constitution on the Club's website.

Members can view them by logging into the website and accessing the "Resources" area.

hmm ... more waste. that's no good.





The Lives of Dogs and Cats

Contributed by IMCZ Membership Coordinator Joseph J. Dow

THE DOG'S DIARY

- 8:00 am • Dog food! *My favorite thing!*
- 9:30 am • A car ride! *My favorite thing!*
- 9:40 am • A walk in the park! *My favorite thing!*
- 10:30 am • Got rubbed and petted! *My favorite thing!*
- 12:00 pm • Milk bones! *My favorite thing!*
- 1:00 pm • Played in the yard! *My favorite thing!*
- 3:00 pm • Wagged my tail! *My favorite thing!*
- 5:00 pm • Dinner! *My favorite thing!*
- 7:00 pm • Got to play ball! *My favorite thing!*
- 8:00 pm • Wow! Watched TV with the people! *My favorite thing!*
- 11:00 pm • Sleeping on the bed! *My favorite thing!*

THE CAT'S DIARY

Day 983 of My Captivity

My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while the other inmates and I are fed hash or some sort of dry nuggets. Although I make my contempt for the rations perfectly clear, I nevertheless must eat something in order to keep up my strength.



Only my dream of escape keeps me going. In an attempt to disgust them, I again vomit on the carpet. Today I decapitated a mouse and dropped its headless body at their feet. I had hoped this would strike fear into their hearts, since it clearly demonstrates my capabilities. Instead they made patronizing comments about what a "good little hunter" I am.

An assembly of their accomplices took place tonight. I was quarantined during the event. However, I could hear the noises and smell the food. I overheard that my confinement was due to the power of "allergies." I must learn what this means, and how to use it to my advantage.

Today I was almost successful in an attempt to assassinate one of my tormentors by weaving around his feet as he was walking. I must try this again tomorrow, but at the top of the stairs.

I am convinced that the other prisoners here are flunkies and snitches. The dog receives special privileges. He is regularly released, and seems to be more than willing to return. He is obviously retarded. The bird must be an informant. I observe him communicate with the guards regularly. I am certain that he reports my every move. My captors have arranged protective custody for him in an elevated cell, so he is safe. For now ...

They Walk Among Us

Contributed by IMCZ Member Joop Hubbeling

While working at a pizza parlor I observed a man order a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time before responding.

"Just cut it into 4 pieces; I'm not hungry enough to eat 6 pieces."

They Walk Among Us!

Not finding my luggage at the airport baggage area, I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked, has your plane arrived yet?"

They Walk Among Us!

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the trunk.

They Walk Among Us!

My friends and I were on a beer run and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought 2 cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20% discount.

They Walk Among Us!



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FOR SALE: SWITEL Internet Phone IP 700K, VoIP phone for a PC, never used because I was stupid and forgot I have a Mac. Duh. sumners@databaar.ch CHF 40.



IMCZNEWS

Wants Your Input

The IMCZ Board has set itself goals for 2008 of getting members more involved in planning and execution of Club events, improving Club marketing and becoming better known in the local community, and achieving increased member contributions to the *IMCZ News*.

Are you planning or organizing an event which you would like to have publicized to the rest of the Club membership? Do you have a topic or interest about which you would like to write for the *IMCZ News* on a regular basis?

Submit your story to Newsletter Editor Andrew DeBoo by the middle of a calendar month to be considered for publication in the following month's *IMCZ News*. Share your interest or become better known within the Club.

The appearance of the *IMCZ News* has changed, supported by the professional expertise of graphic designer and photographer Ron Summers. Member submissions of photos, particularly from Club events, will be considered for publication (sumners@databaar.ch), and Ron can be thanked personally on a regular basis at the Stammtisch with a toast of his good work.



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The IMCZ wishes well to: **Tony Mowers**

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Numerous event announcements, sign-up deadline reminders or information on cancellations reaches members in a flash via e-mail. Without bombarding you, we'd like to include you in the loop.

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