

IMCZ NEWS



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EDITORIAL **Winter is closing in**

The seasons have a mind of their own. As the previous newsletter's editorial stated, autumn still had a summery feel about it, going into October. Now just a few weeks later, we are sinking in the icy grip of winter.

Whilst there will be many amongst us who do not care too much for the cold, others will be rejoicing at this year's early snow falls. Ski resorts such as Verbier and Zermatt already opened for business in early November. This is a boost for them after many recent years in which there was very little snow and much of it came very late.

Of course, at this time of year, our thoughts are occupied not only by winter sports, but also with the impending holiday season and its various religious festivals.

We also start to think about our family get-togethers, which in many cases is one of the few times that various generations see each other during the year. For those whose business life takes them to foreign parts, this time is especially valued.

Finally, please remember that our club Stammtisch will relocate over the holidays, as the City Garden is unavailable. On December 21st and 28th and on January 4th, 2018, we will meet elsewhere, probably in the Parkhotel.

The first special Stammtisch of 2018 will be the "Contributing to Wikipedia" evening on 11th January.

Roger Dixon
Board member and Newsletter Co-editor



FUTURE EVENTS

- **SATURDAY 09 DECEMBER 2017**
ZIWC Christmas Dinner and Dance at the Casino in Zug
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018**
Special Stammtisch on Contributing to Wikipedia.
An editor from Wikipedia will show how we can all contribute knowledge to this fabulous platform.
- **SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 2018**
Annual Burns Supper. This year to be held at the *Wirtschaft Brandenberg, near the Zug marina.* (See advert in this Newsletter)
- **THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2018**
General Annual Meeting, AGM
- **THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018**
Special Stammtisch on Investment,
presented by IMCZ member Bruno Bachmann

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Introducing...New members
THE IMCZ WELCOMES:

Marek Slotwinski

Marek was born and raised in Poland. He completed his studies and graduated with a BSC in mechanical engineering in Poland. Soon after graduation he emigrated to South Africa and worked there with ESCOM, an electric power generating company. Later he changed job and worked for the Atlas Aircraft Corporation. Soon after, the ANC came to power and cut all military spending in 1994, so he started working on property development, building gated condominiums for the rich and nervous white SA community. Later, in 2002, he emigrated with his wife and two sons to Australia. He continued to work with property development, but on a much smaller scale. His wife worked in the pharmaceutical industry. His sons grew up, graduated from university and then left home. They moved to Switzerland this year. They live in Luzern. His wife works in Zug, but he is responsible for assimilation. Marek likes wine and food and enjoys good company and intelligent conversation whilst starting a new chapter of his life in beautiful Switzerland.



Johan Ubbby

Johan hails from Stockholm, Sweden, and came to live in Zug in 2012. He holds a Masters degree in engineering physics and an MBA and has worked for most of his working life with medical devices for in-vitro diagnostics based on cardiology. He acted as the International Product Manager for several companies including Siemens, Roche Diagnostics, Maquet Critical Care, as well as a couple of start-up companies. In order to be able to identify the needs and issues of the customers, he usually places himself in the shoes of the end-users which has led to product improvements or new products, better commercialisation and new patents. The new products were then launched on the worldwide market. He thinks that each and every one of us has used one of these products at least once in his lifetime. At present he is a free-lancer and will be happy to share his experience and know-how with anyone who may have a need for it. Johan is married and has three kids. He likes travelling with his wife, hiking and downhill skiing. He also spends a lot of time in front of his computer working on WebPages and databases.



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Toastmasters International Zug



On Thursday evening October 12, 2017, a special Stammtisch was held at the City Garden Hotel in Zug. No, this time, no speech was given, instead a panel of four from Toastmasters International, Zug made an interesting presentation. For the uninitiated, Toastmasters is a worldwide organisation active in several countries. It trains its members to be good impromptu public speakers. Their motto being, "Think on your feet".

Their board member Marco Steiner, gave the presentation which included an abridged session of a typical TM evening: A prepared speech of 5 to 10 minutes, a table topics session where everyone present participates (in our case two from them and two from us), and an evaluation session where the evaluator evaluates the prepared speech commenting on eye contact,

body language, speech structure, voice modulation and above all counts the number of R's and Ah's and all other sounds and phrases used by untrained speakers to gain time to think of what to say next.

If interested, check their [website](#). More photos are included on the gallery.



Cockpit Challenger CL-604



A Helicopter undergoing total maintenance

REGA visit with ZIWC

Contributed by IMCZ Honorary Member Stephen Butterworth

On Tuesday, 7th November 2017, we had a very interesting evening indeed. We all met as planned at the airport and walked to the bus for the short 4 minute trip to the REGA centre.

I was no longer a 'Patron' as one is called when one subscribes on an annual basis. I am sure there are some major subscribers in the form of companies, as costs are steep for planes and helicopters plus their essential ongoing maintenance. So it was with great interest that I accompanied Enrico on the train to join this event.

We learnt a lot about the operation, missions and maintenance as well as the various services provided by REGA. REGA is not funded by the government in any way and I feel this is a plus point.

The people giving us the talk, slide show and trip around to see the flying equipment were both very enthusiastic and, to be honest, I would have become a 'Patron' there and then. For your CHF30., per annum, you have a helicopter or a jet plane to whisk you back to Switzerland from virtually any spot in the world, when injured and needing emergency hospital treatment,

If you are not yet a 'Patron', I seriously encourage you to go and look at the REGA page: <https://www.rega.ch/en/support-rega/become-a-rega-patron.aspx>

I leave you with a picture or two.

A big thank you to the Ladies of the ZIWC for organising the whole evening trip and the meal back at the airport 'Upperdeck' restaurant. Was a great evening out.

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New Members' Reception

The second bi-annual event took place this year at a new venue, the Guggital Hotel on the Zugerbergstrasse, overlooking the whole of the Lake of Zug. This very popular event was well attended and we saw lots of faces we hadn't seen since the last NMR earlier this year. Drinks and snacks were served on the house, and we all had a marvellous time.



STAMMTISCH
Every Thursday
from 18:00–20:30
At the City Garden Hotel

High-fat, low-carb vs low-fat, high-carb

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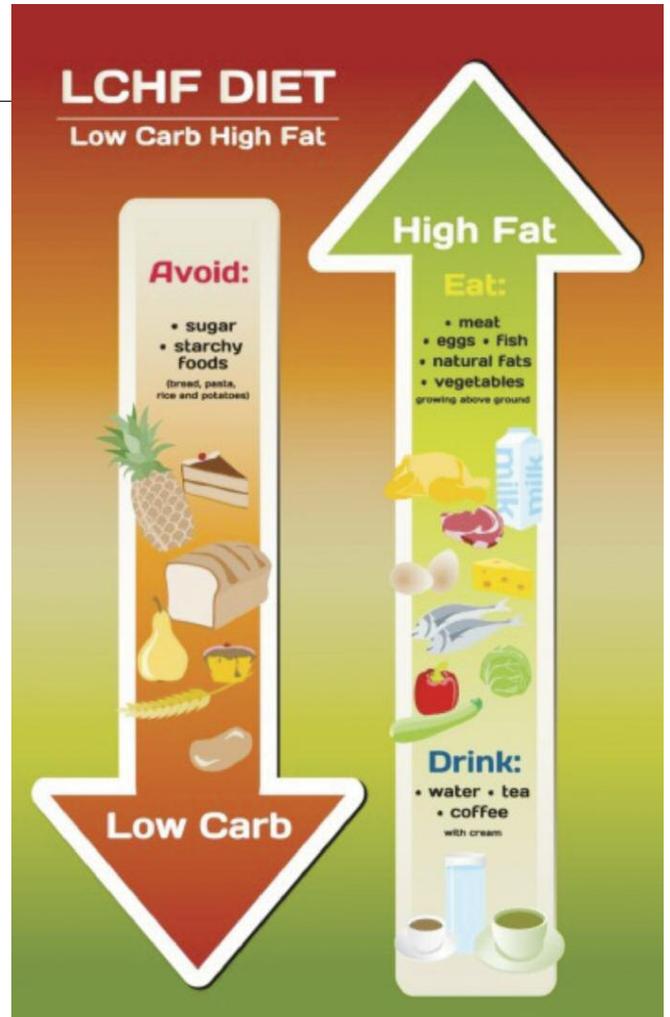
The fact that protein-enriched foods low in carbohydrates have moved to the mass market may have been recognized by most consumers, at least those glancing at nutrient facts and claims on food labels from time to time. However, since many of you are probably still much more aware of the perpetual advice from nutritionists for decades to cut down on fat, one might ask oneself "what remains other than protein if we are advised to eat low-carb and low-fat?" Well, there are still fibres besides protein. But first of all, one has to understand that the advice against fat was not only driven by its bad reputation as a "heart killer", but to a major extent because it is (at least seemingly) the easiest way to cut down on calories. Fat contains on average more than twice as many calories as carbohydrates and protein. Consequently, cutting down on fat was a two-in-one solution: improvement in cardiovascular health by reducing the notorious saturated fatty acids along with total fat, but also due to reduced calorie intake a corresponding weight loss.

In recent years, however, dietary fat and saturated fatty acids were considerably rehabilitated with regard to their purported negative impact on cardiovascular health. On the other hand, excessive calorie intake is probably still the major nutritional problem in our Western diets. Whereas choosing high-protein foods will result in greater satiety and less net calories (due to a more energy-demanding digestion), it is simply not practicable and hardly possible to eat a high-protein, low-fat, and low-carb diet at the same time. Hence, the nutritionally interested consumer may be interested in a new study which was published this summer in the highly renowned *The Lancet*, demonstrating that contrary to popular belief, a higher amount of dietary fat (about 35% of energy) is associated with a lower risk of death compared to lower intakes. However, a diet high in carbohydrates (of more than 60% of energy) is related to higher mortality, although not to the risk of cardiovascular disease (Dehghan et al, 2017).

The research was done with 135'000 people across five continents, from low, middle and high income countries. This is noteworthy since many of the previous fat-condemning studies were undertaken in European and North American populations where nutrition excess is more likely. In the study, it was also shown that dietary fats are not associated with major cardiovascular disease, but higher fat consumption was associated with lower mortality; this was seen for all major types of fats (saturated fats, polyunsaturated fats and mono-unsaturated fats), with saturated fats being associated with lower stroke risk. In addition, total fat and individual types of fat were not associated with risk of heart attacks or death due to cardiovascular disease.

In summary, the study found that a diet which includes a moderate intake of fat and fruits and vegetables, and avoidance of high carbohydrates, is associated with lower risk of death. In consequence, we can safely move back from skimmed milk to whole milk and enjoy cheese, but rather eat one less slice of bread. To be specific about intake of fruits, vegetables and legumes, the lowest risk of death was in those people who consumed three to four servings (or a total of 375 to 500 grams) a day, with little additional benefit from more.

As a final remark and conclusion, this study only makes correlations of higher mortality with higher carbohydrate intake and lower mortality with higher fat intake, respectively. It cannot explain why. In the end, this brings us back to common-sense advice: moderation in most aspects of diet is to be preferred, as opposed to very low or very high intakes of most nutrients, and in particular excessive calories.



Artificial Intelligence and the Human Brain

Both of the above issues above were dealt with separately in previous issues of the Newsletter¹. However, recent developments in AI (Artificial Intelligence) have made unbelievably huge strides, surpassing in a short space of time and in a narrow sense even the human brain. The surprising thing about such strides is that they were made without any significant progress being made on understanding how the human brain works. Furthermore, those responsible for developing the new tools and algorithms for AI do not themselves understand how they really work.

We are now faced by an unusual dilemma, we can't understand how our brain works and we do not understand how AI machines built by us, really work (see section on 'deep thought' below). Let us take a closer look at both in order to be able to grasp the magnitude of the dilemma.

What is remarkable about the human brain, a 1.3 kg lump of neural tissue, is its computing efficiency. It consumes about 20 Watts of energy, but surpasses supercomputers which consume a million more watts in energy in every respect. Neurons are not more efficient than transistors in moving signals around. It must be therefore the organisation of the neurons and their connections.

The Human Brain Projects

On both sides of the Atlantic huge sums of money have been allocated to research projects aimed at understanding how the human brain works. Where and how does it store and retrieve information? How is consciousness formed?

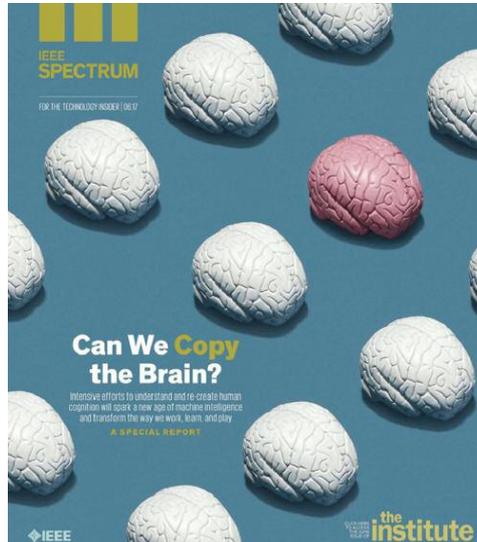
Some high flyers think that by finding out how the brain cells are wired up, we can replicate their function in the laboratory. Others, however, realise that with 10 to the power 10 cells in an average human brain, such efforts are doomed. It is telling to list the currently on-going projects in understanding the human brain:

On this side of the Atlantic

1. Blue Brain Project, EPFL Lausanne.

This project is funded by the Swiss government and the European Commission to the tune of one billion Euros over ten years. Originally the declared aim of the project was to simulate the complete human brain. However the sky-high goals were toned down after a large group of scientists and engineers protested and the South African/Israeli director Henry Markram was forced to tone down the targets to more realistic ones. Now the aim is to simulate completely a tiny portion of a rat's brain, a cube with 2 mm side, i.e. 8 cubic millimetres from the large brain of a rat. The aim is to find out how the estimated 30'000 neurons in this tiny piece of brain are connected and to replicate them in the lab. The part of the rat brain taken for simulation, was the location where the signals from the rat's whiskers were processed. The rat was trained before its brain was dissected, to find

Contributed by IMCZ honorary member and Newsletter Editor Muthana Kubba



its way in a number of mazes. Using suitable sensors, the research aims at using the simulated brain to find its way in the same mazes. A tall order to say the least, but we are all ready for surprises.(NZZ 16.10.2017)

2. IBRO International Brain Research Organisation

The seat of this organisation which was founded in 1961 is Paris, but its official language is English. It is a formidable conglomerate with memberships of neuroscience societies from all over the world.

They describe themselves on their website. As follows, "IBRO is the global federation of neuroscience organisations that aims to promote and support neuroscience around the world through training, teaching, collaborative research, advocacy and outreach. More than 80 international, national and regional scientific organisations constitute IBRO's Governing Council which, together with the five IBRO Regional Committees, address the needs and advance the work of individual scientists and research communities everywhere. In addition, IBRO has partnerships with like-minded scientific societies and organisations to identify priorities and help bridge gaps in knowledge, investment and resources in the field of brain research". Their next world conference will be the 10th and will be held in 2019 in South Korea.

3. The Human Brain Project

This is a 10-year project set up by the EU to further our understanding of the human brain. It is financing, among others, the Blue Brain project in the EPFL in Lausanne.

On the other side of the Atlantic

It is almost impossible to list all research facilities involved with the human brain in the USA. Here is only a short selection of them.

1. Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Lab

Focusing mostly on artificial intelligence as a way to understanding how the thinking processes work in the human brain.

2. UCLA Brain Research Institute

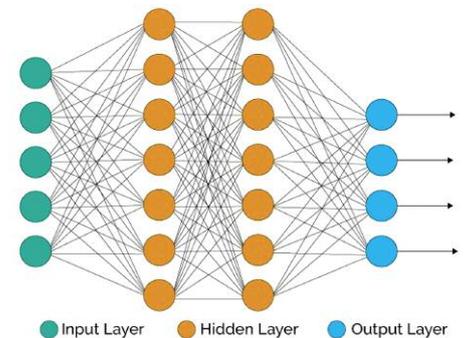
The University of California, Los Angeles, Brain Research Institute, is a world leader in neuroscience. Huge resources are devoted to understanding how the human brain works.

3. Allen Institute for Brain Science

Another top notch institute where rapid progress is being made in brain research. The institute was awarded USD 100 million to lead global collaboration on brain cells.

Deep Learning

This term refers to reduction methods used by networks wired in a similar pattern to the brain cells, and usually referred to as 'neural networks'. My article on computer face recognition (Jan 2017 Newsletter) illustrates it completely. Basically when there are huge numbers of inputs to be processed simultaneously, the number of variables is reduced successively by connecting these inputs in a neural pattern. The simplified illustration below shows how an input of five variables is reduced to four variables using neural network.



Although this very method was used successfully by Google to win the epic "GO" game against the world champion, it is not really understood completely. How or why it works is still a mystery.

What is even more frightening, a group of scientists have managed to modify the way the neural networks are trained, making it vastly faster, and more accurate. These very neural networks are used in SIRI and all voice translation devices, as well as of course machine reading of hand written texts.

Indeed the sky is the limit, but we still do not understand how it works. Understanding how the human brain really works and where it stores its vast, almost unlimited, memory, will remain a puzzle for some time to come.

Further Reading

Wikipedia Artificial neural networks
Overview of Artificial Neural Networks

¹ March 2010, The Technological Singularity.
May 2013 Reverse Engineering the Human Brain.
January 2015 The Turing Test. February 2015 The End of Humanity. May 2016 AI A Curse or a Blessing?



Southeastern Australia Sydney

Contributed by IMCZ President Roger Brooks

Our last port of call before flying back to Switzerland via Singapore was Sydney, Australia's largest city, and the capital of New South Wales (NSW). Sydney was the first European settlement in Australia, founded in the late 18th century as a penal colony for British convicts. New South Wales originally included New Zealand and Tasmania as well as much more of Australia, but is now one of six Australian states. The first fleet under the command of Captain Arthur Philip originally landed at Botany Bay, south of Sydney, but the colony was relocated about a week later to the North, where fresh water was more abundant.

We entered Sydney Harbor shortly before dawn and had our first glimpse of the Opera House on the way to our berth at the Overseas Passenger Terminal at Circular Quay in Sydney Cove. We disembarked and, after collecting our luggage, took the short walk to our hotel, near the Royal Botanic Gardens. After checking in we took a ride on the Sydney Explorer (the local Hop-On, Hop-Off tour bus) to get a general impression of the city.

It took us through Hyde Park, past the statue of Prince Albert and past Kings Cross, out to Potts Point, then back along the Royal Botanic Gardens and again along Hyde Park before taking us across to Haymarket and out to Pyrmont, where we disembarked to visit the Sydney Fish Market. The Sydney Fish Market is, if not the largest, most certainly the cleanest fish market we ever saw. The profusion of seafood on sale was astonishing.

Pyrmont

Leaving the fish market, we walked first down to the Waterfront Park on Bowman St., which affords a good view of the Anzac Bridge, then through Pyrmont to Wharf 7 and the [Maritime Museum](#). On display in Waterfront Park are [3 huge steel spheres](#) which were once used by



National Maritime Museum

the [Colonial Sugar Refining Co \(CSR\)](#) to process wood chips for making fiberboard.

We didn't have time to explore the Maritime Museum, but we enjoyed the statue of seamen struggling to control the wheel of their ship, as well as the [James Craig](#), a restored and fully seaworthy 3-masted "tall ship" from the late 18th century. Few vessels survive from this time, and the James Craig is the only one still carrying regular passengers to sea.

Darling Harbour

The Maritime Museum lies on the eastern shore of Cockle Bay, in the neighborhood of [Darling Harbour](#), which surrounds the little bay. Formerly a railyard, the area has been (and is still being) redeveloped into a showcase of modern, upscale residences, restaurants, shopping and a huge International Conference Center (ICC). The many attractions there include Madame Tussaud's the Chinese Garden of Friendship, the Sydney Aquarium and Wildlife World. We contented ourselves with a salad and a kangaroo steak hamburger at one of the restaurants and a walk around the charming area and its parks. The "Darling" in the name is Ralph Darling, who was governor of NSW in the early 19th century.

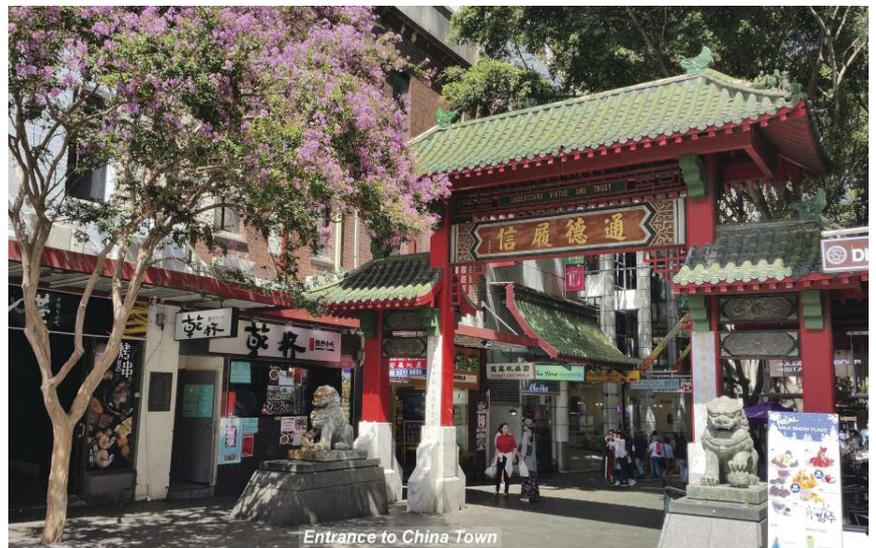
Just behind the Chinese Garden of Friendship, in the Haymarket district, is Sydney's Chinatown, which we visited next. Chinese are the largest fraction of the population born overseas, contributing almost 5% to the population of Sydney.

Barangaroo Reserve

As our feet were finally beginning to protest, we hopped back on the Sydney Explorer for a short trip out to Miller's Point, site of a recently developed park, the [Barangaroo Reserve](#). The region is named Barangaroo for the second wife of Bennelong, an aboriginal who served the British as an interpreter. The park was designed by [Peter Walker](#), who also landscaped the [9/11 memorial](#) in New York City. Its construction used thousands of blocks of local sandstone to build a terraced structure resembling the original headland, which had been cut away for the benefit of shipping operations. The park is only part of an ambitious [project](#) to redevelop the entire area, much of which was known in the Depression as The Hungry Mile because of the many who sought work there.



James Craig & Seamen's Statue at Wharf7



Entrance to China Town

The Rocks

Leaving the park, we walked under the famous [Harbour Bridge](#), the tallest steel arch bridge. The bridge was built in the early 1930s to a design inspired by the East River railroad bridge in New York City. More adventurous souls take advantage of the offered [Bridge Climbs](#). However, since I am borderline acrophobic, we decided to pass.

We then paid a brief visit to [Cadman's Cottage](#), in the [Barney & Bligh Reserve](#) near the Overseas Passenger Terminal, where our ship was still docked. The cottage is one of the oldest surviving buildings in Sydney, and was named after John Cadman, who lived in it in the mid-19th century as Superintendent of Boats.

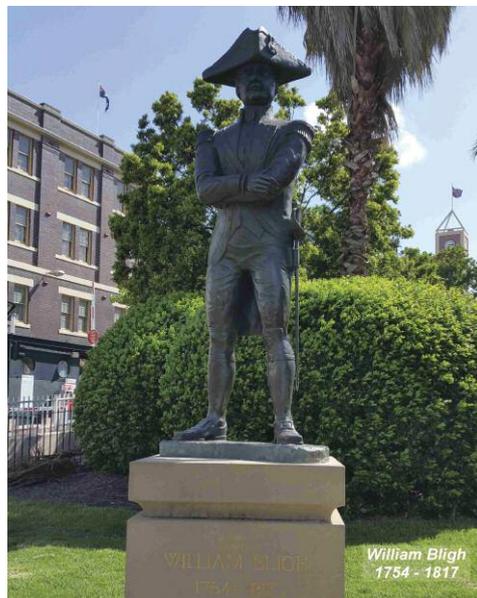
The reserve contains a statue of the eponymous [William Bligh](#), best known as commander of the ill-fated *Bounty*, and as fourth Governor of New South Wales, until deposed from his post by the Rum Rebellion in the early 19th century. We paid a brief visit to the nearby [Rocks Discovery Museum](#), enjoyed a coffee at a street cafe then headed back across Circular Quay to the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Royal Botanic Gardens

The [Royal Botanic Gardens](#) surround Farm Cove, just east of Sydney Cove. They are home to many beautiful specimens of flora, fauna and sculpture, which we returned to enjoy more thoroughly the following day. On our first visit we particularly enjoyed the Governor Philip Fountain, honoring Captain Arthur Philip, commander of the First Fleet and first governor of NSW, the numerous flower beds, classical statuary and an enormous Holly Oak, the like of which I have never seen elsewhere.

Sydney Opera House

After freshening up at the hotel, we took a walk around Circular Quay, had a drink at Bennelong point by the famous [Sydney Opera House](#) and, on the way back, discovered a plaque in honor of Mark Twain, who visited Australia on a



Sydney Opera House at White Dawn

[world lecture tour](#) in 1895. After dinner, we enjoyed a spectacular view of Sydney Cove from the top floor of the hotel.

The following morning, we walked down to the Opera House. We were fortunate to arrive just in time for a behind-the-scenes tour. Although the opera house is one of the world's most famous and iconic buildings, and was recognized in 2007 as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its construction was fraught by conflicts, controversy, problems and cost and schedule overruns. These ultimately led the Danish architect, [Jørn Utzon](#), to resign in 1966, well before its completion, in 1973. His prize-winning design was originally discarded and subsequently rescued by Eero Saarinen before being selected as the winning entry in 1957.

The project was finished by Peter Hall, a former government architect. The construction took 15 years (in addition to roughly 10 years of planning beforehand). The project was completed 10 years late at a cost overrun estimated at about a factor of 14, adjusted for inflation. Jørn Utzon was subsequently rehabilitated and invited to serve as consultant on further development of the opera house in the 1990s, but never saw the finished product in person.

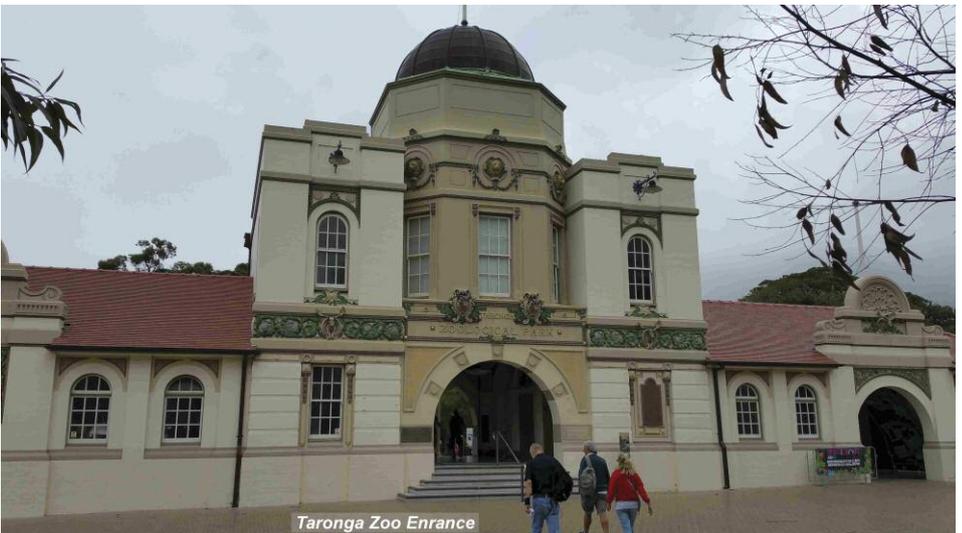
The opera house actually consists of several buildings sharing a common foundation, which

provide venues for all kinds of performing arts, from a small room for chamber music concerts to the concert hall with over 2000 seats and a 10,000-pipe organ. The concrete shells, which the architect said were inspired by orange sections, appear smooth from a distance, but are actually covered by over a million interlocking ceramic tiles. It was a pioneering project in the use of computer-aided design (CAD).

Bennelong Point, where the opera house is situated, is named after the aborigine Bennelong, who was pressed into service as an interpreter for the British. The British built him a home there in the late 18th century, at which time it was an island. In the early 19th century it was connected to the mainland to provide a foundation for Fort Macquarie, which was replaced by a tram depot in the early twentieth century. The tram depot was demolished in turn in 1958 to make way for the opera house.

Taronga Zoo

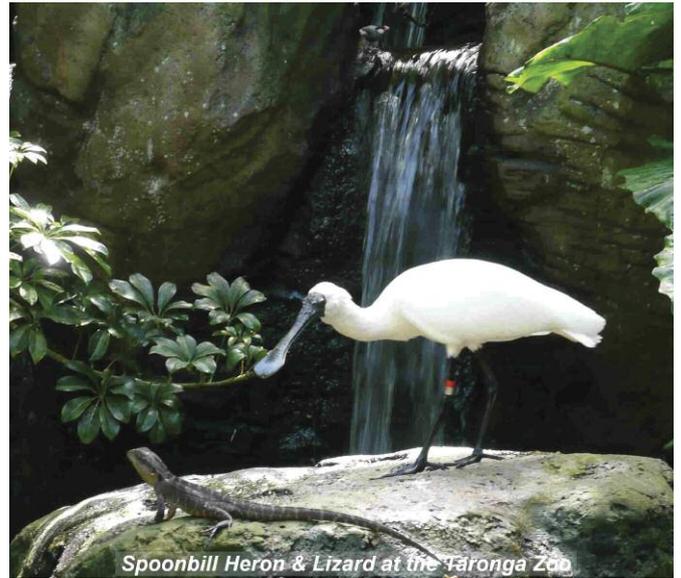
After touring the opera house, we took a ferry from circular Quay across Sydney Harbour to the [Taronga Zoo](#). The Taronga Zoo is both newer and larger (28 hectares) than the Melbourne Zoo, so we once again had to



Taronga Zoo Entrance



A Koala at the Taronga Zoo



Spoonbill Heron & Lizard at the Taronga Zoo

prioritize what we wanted to see, and focused on the species endemic to Australia.

We saw:

- Short-Beaked Echidna
- Long-Nosed Potoroo
- Ghost Bats
- Koalas
- Emus
- Kangaroos
- Lace Monitor
- Little Penguins
- Royal Spoonbills
- Wallabies

and

- Wombats

As well as exotic species

such as:

- Himalayan Tahrs
- African Bongos
- Gorillas
- Chimpanzees
- Elephants
- Pygmy Hippopotamus
- SE Asian Sun Bears

and

- Indian Spotted Deer

not to mention many kinds of birds, frogs and lizards.



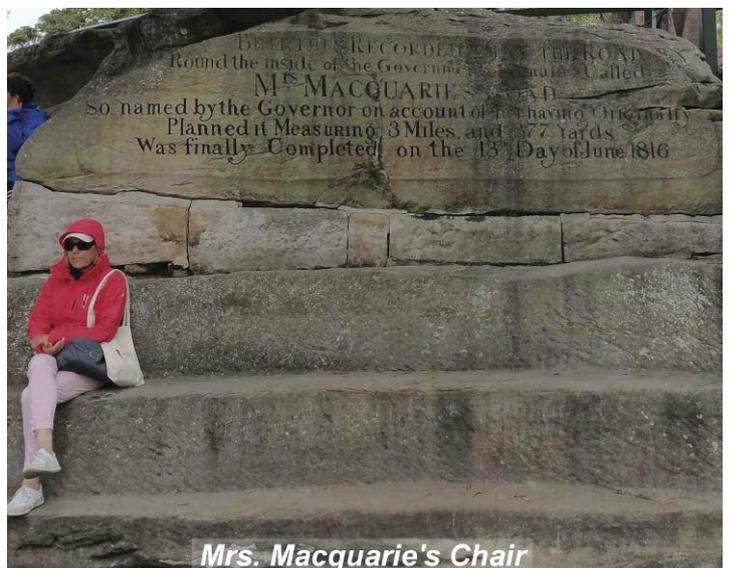
Miscegenation at the Taronga Zoo

A Fond Farewell

Returning to Sydney, we still found time for a last stroll around Farm Cove to *Mrs. Macquarie's Chair*, which resides on the headland across Farm Cove from Bennelong Point. We then walked back through the Royal Botanic Gardens to our hotel, admiring more of the flora, fauna and statuary.

We passed by bamboo groves in the oriental garden and admired a Rainbow Lorikeet, then discovered a fig tree, even more monumental than the oak we had spotted on our previous visit. We exited the park by the Sydney Conservatory of Music, which resides in a building built in the early 19th century as the stables for a second Government House, which was never completed.

We still had ample time to return to the hotel and prepare for the long journey home, via Singapore (see the April 2017 issue of this newsletter). Having seen only a glimpse of "the land down under", I hope that we will find an occasion to return and see more, despite the long distance!



Mrs. Macquarie's Chair



Kunsthaus Zug: Art Museum Zug

Contributed by ZIWC member
Helena Lustenberger

Where can you see outstanding works from the Viennese Modernism School such as Klimt, Kokoschka, Schiele, Wotruba? Who works with internationally-reknoned contemporary artists such as Eliasson, Kabakov, Kawamata, Pepperstein and Signer to enliven open spaces in Zug? Who showcased the work of Richard Tuttle, designer of the light installation in Zug railway station and goes on the road with a mobile art container which might stop at the end of your street?

The answer is, of course, the Kunsthau Zug, the fascinating villa close to the Casino Car park. Due to a lack of space, the multifaceted collection is not on permanent display, however it is exhibited partially in thematic exhibitions. Every year, four to five projects are dedicated to contemporary art (currently the Austrian Michael Kienzer, b.1962) and that of the 20th century.

The Kunsthau also serves as a laboratory for art, providing a platform for living art around sites in Zug. Have you been down the steps of Roman Signer's lake installation 'Seesicht'?

You might also want to have lunch or a drink in the Kogler bar or have a pre-tour drink outside in the garden in fine weather. Get into conversation with fellow art-lovers! The Zug Art



Society is popular in and outside Zug but you can visit the art museum on your own, with friends or join a guided tour (usually available in English). The building itself is well worth a visit and you can also buy edgy cards and postcards in the museum shop.

Art education gives people access to art through workshops, projects, guided tours, art at noon, training sessions and art classes. Kunsthau Zug gives children, young people and adults a wide range of opportunities to enter into dialogue with the artworks. The Kunsthau is also open to joint projects, teaming up with partners in the domains of music, literature, dance, and the applied arts.

From November to February, the Zug Kunsthau will be host to an exhibition featuring the iconic Swiss fashion designer Christa de Carouge, born in Basel in 1936 and immensely influential in the Swiss design scene. Various extra-mural activities such as workshops with the designer herself are planned.

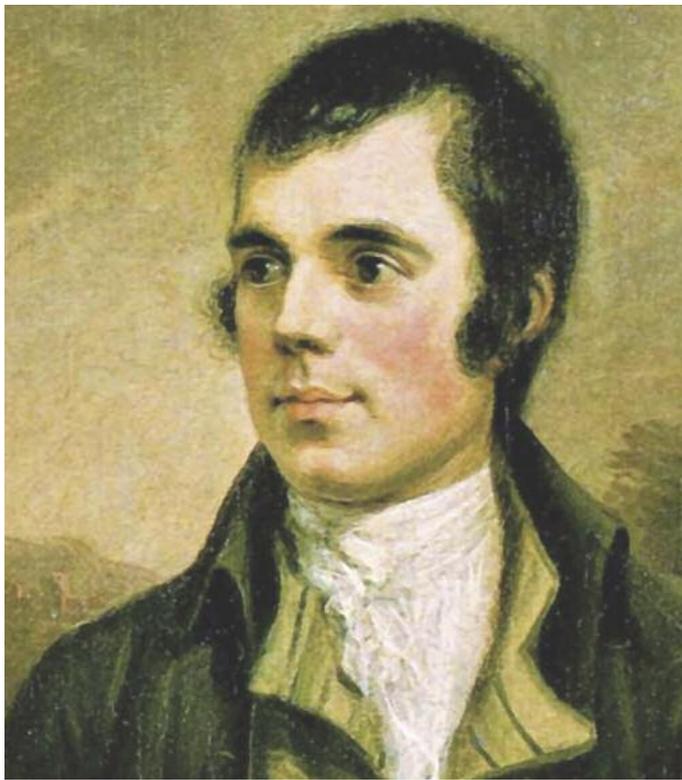
A visit to the treasure trove which is the Kunsthau Zug is always a pleasure and the ZIWC hopes to work together with them to help you discover the wealth of art that there is all around us in Zug.

www.kunsthauzug.ch

summers Mühllegasse 18
Geb. 193 f
(entrance building E)
6340 Baar

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Every Friday, we are offering walk-in headshot photos for **CHF 50.-**



THE ANNUAL BURNS DINNER

Saturday, January 27th, 2018 at 18:30 hours

**Wirtschaft Brandenburg Allmendstrasse 3 CH-6300 Zug
brandenberg@remimag.ch**

- Less than 200 m from the S-Bahn station Zug Schützengel
- Plenty of parking places.

The apero shall start at 18:30 hours, and the party shall continue until midnight.

Calling all culture seekers... The IMCZ Burns Supper is the biggest Scottish event of the year. This is the 23rd year that the IMCZ will be celebrating the birthday of Scotland's National poet, Robert Burns. We will also be welcoming members of the ZIWC and their guests. It is a unique evening providing an opportunity to taste real Scottish atmosphere, formal and informal at the same time.

The evening will feature traditional Scottish fare, including the rousing sound of bagpipes from our guest piper, extracts from the works of Robert Burns (one serious, the rest funny) from our line-up of international guest speakers, people dressed in kilts and liberal doses of Uisge'beah (whisky). The menu starts with the traditional "Cock a Leekie" (chicken) soup and the Scottish haggis, but a vegetarian menu is also available.

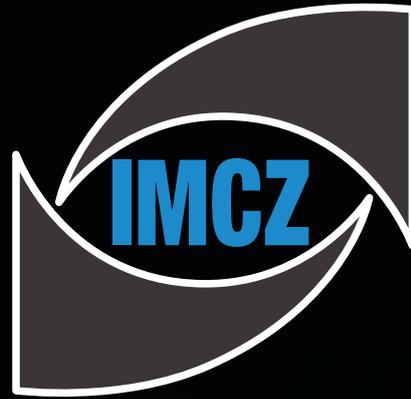
For a whole evening of entertainment and a four-course dinner, with plenty of drams of the finest Scottish whisky, this evening is a "gie-away" for just **CHF 75** for IMCZ & ZIWC members and their partners, **CHF 85** for guests.

We ask that the dress of the evening be in keeping with the traditions of the occasion so a kilt or something similar (or a jacket, tie, etc. if you don't have one) or, as Burns was a man of international outlook, your own national costume (or elements of it).

Remember, the number of guests is limited to 70 so please register now!
Registration is online at <http://imcz.club>.

The [IMCZ no-show policy](#) applies for this event.

Happy Holidays!





Update: **SkiArena Andermatt + Sedrun**



Contributed by IMCZ Sports' editor Joseph Dow

The 2017/18 Ski Season has arrived! Cold weather and a few flakes in the sky prompted me to grab my boots and head all the way down to Zermatt for ski testing time. I managed to get in one beautiful sunny day and can't wait until regular skiing is in full swing. Last year, we were lucky enough to have a nice IMCZ ski day in the surprisingly nearby resort of Andermatt. So, I thought I'd give you a closer look at this cool place and hope we can all get down there over the next few months.

Located just an hour's drive from Zug, above the Gotthard Tunnel, Andermatt and the SkiArena is undergoing a huge transformation. There's nothing more exciting than learning about new lifts *and* new terrain. The Nätschen ski area will be the sector in focus for the skiing expansion with three new lifts operating with resulting new slopes in the direction towards the Oberalp Pass.

Most of you are probably aware of the project Samih Sawiris has undertaken to redevelop Andermatt. So far, his investment has seen The Chedi Hotel completed, ranking amongst the best hotels in Switzerland and winning many awards. But, when it comes to skiing, it's all about the pistes and lifts.

Access to the slopes is greatly improved with the train station acting as the starting point to your adventure. If you arrive by train, a short stroll will bring you directly to the new 8-person bubble/gondola to whisk you up to the beginner area at the midstation, complete with a new restaurant and facilities conveniently located directly alongside the piste. The novice area will be fitted with three magic carpet lifts for those just starting out.

Lifts continue further up the mountain linking to the two additional lifts. These new, high speed, 6-pack chairs will ensure we spend lots more time skiing and less time queuing. The pistes off these chairs will mainly be graded as 'red' pistes or intermediate.

The new facilities are not limited to the Nätschen slopes and the restaurants and gastronomy have been totally renovated with new and fresh cuisine available across all the ski areas. Andermatt is still the home of the only Après Ski Train in the world. For those wishing to ski the Oberalp – Dieni ski area, access via the 'Party Train' sounds like an IMCZ way to go. Enjoy a coffee in the morning and come back with a

well-earned alcoholic beverage. The train is expanding with an additional service both in the morning and afternoon.

Andermatt is one of the most snow sure areas in Switzerland. Before this season they relied only on natural snow, but due to the expected increase in tourism, have added 360 snow cannons to ensure great snow coverage all season long.

So, keep an eye on the IMCZ news to see if we can organize another fun event in Andermatt for the upcoming season.

Additional Information:

- **Andermatt Swiss Alps project:** www.anderstatt.ch/en/anderstatt_holiday_region/new-tourist-resort
- **Alpine Sports Andermatt (Peter Widdup, IMCZ member):** www.alpinesportsanderstatt.com
- **The Chedi Andermatt****:** www.thechedianderstatt.com
- **Uri Tourismus:** www.uri.info/en/index.cfm
- **Andermatt Weather:** www.anderstatt.ch/en/Wetter
- **Oberalp Pass (take that Party Train!):** www.dangerousroads.org/europe/switzerland/3578-oberalp-pass.html

THINK SNOW!!!

If you have questions about skiwear or equipment or want a recommendation, feel free to send me an email: [jjdow\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:jjdow[at]hotmail.com).

Advance Notice

Annual Club Ski Day

Our Sports' Editor together with IMCZ member Peter Widdup are busy preparing this season's ski day for the Club. Provisionally Friday March 16, 2018 has been earmarked.

The venue is of course:



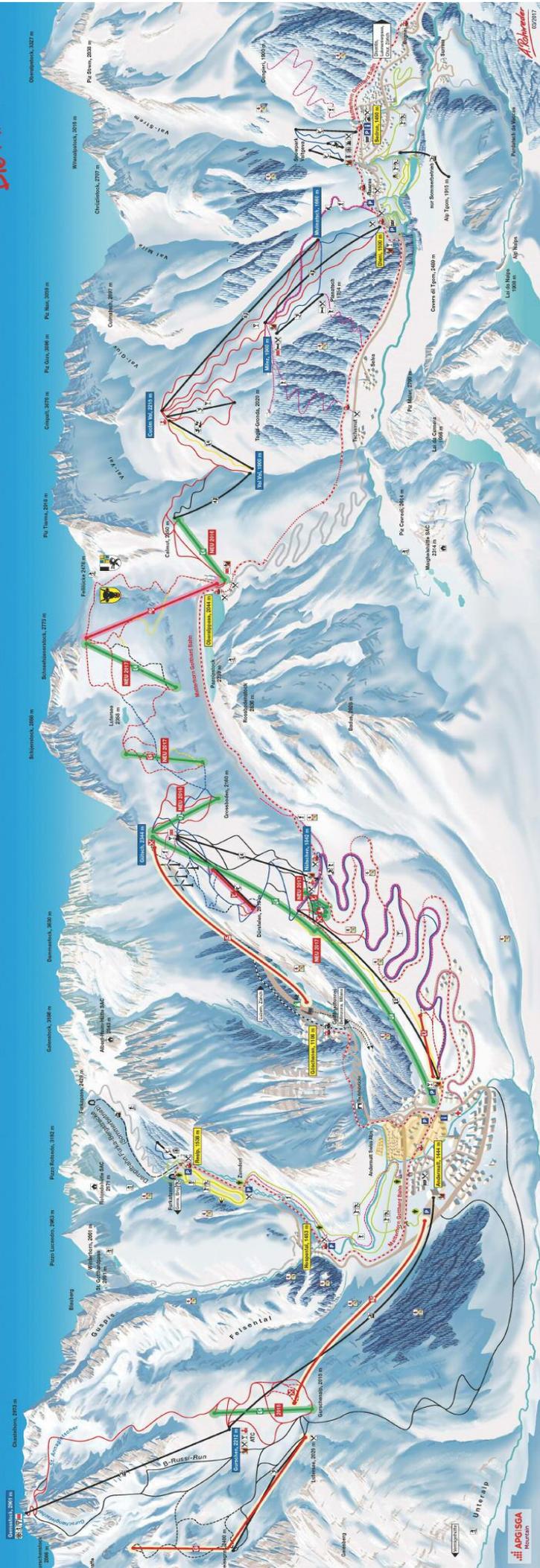
More information and details will be published soon



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 - Konzipierte Seilbahn
 - Konzipierte Seilbahn
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 - Privat 1
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 - Konzipiertes Bergrestaurant
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 - Piste mittel
 - Piste schwer
 - Adalste-Frischerode
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 - 6er-Gondelbahn
 - 6er-Seilbahn
 - 4er-Seilbahn
 - 2er-Seilbahn
 - Stiftl
 - Postseilbahn
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 - Schilfweg
 - Winterwanderweg
 - Schnee-schulauflauf
 - Langlaufloipe, Einloipe
 - Langlaufloipe beschriftet
 - Langlauf, Klassisch
 - Langlauf, Akrobatik
 - Balloon
- ACE Seilpark**
 - ACE Seilpark
 - Ski-Bowlseilbahn
 - Straßenbahn
 - Kinderland
 - Kinderbergbahn
 - Ski- und Snowboardschule
 - Gebäude
 - Sitzbank
 - Aussichtspunkt
- SOS**
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 - Parkplatz
 - Hotel / Übernachtung
 - Schneebau
 - SAC-Hütte
 - Eisenbahn / Weissen
 - Sportplatz
- Blühende Seilbahn**
 - Blühende Seilbahn
 - Mallorn-Gondelbahn (MGB) Station
 - Dampftrain Furi-Bergstock (Sommerbetrieb)



Kegeln Report October/November 2017

Contributed by Newsletter Co-editor Roger Dixon

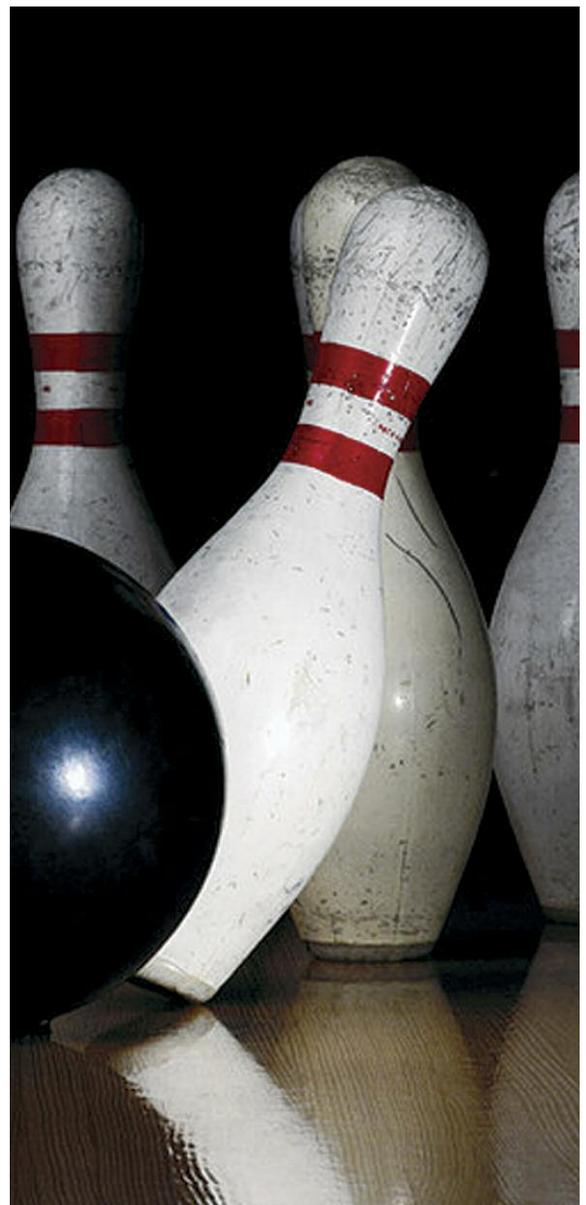
In October, the Hotel Zugertor was the venue. The lanes are now managed by the newly installed restaurateurs at Chez Ladure, where we also enjoyed our pre-match dinner. Everyone agreed that the menu on offer as well as the quality of the food was outstanding. A number of our regulars were unable to attend this month's event, thus leaving only 5 of us. This did not dampen our spirits however, and we had the usual Lachfest! Even though a couple of the stronger players were absent, the scoring was very good and the games very closely contested. The leading results were:

Game	First		Second		Third	
1	Markus		Roger		Wolfgang	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	515	9	605	11	500	13
2	Wolfgang		Markus		Roger	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	575	11	520	12	515	12
3	Wolfgang		Roger		Markus	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	510	6	535	9	515	12
4	Roger		Markus		Stephen	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	520	7	540	9	520	10
Overall	Roger		Markus		Wolfgang	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	2175	39	2080	40	2175	42



The Hotel Zugertor was also the venue for our November event. Although 7 of us turned up for a pre-game meal or drink, only 5 of us bowled, as Christian and Barbara both had medical issues that precluded them from taking part, so they gave us moral support instead. The games were the most closely contested since we took up Kegeln, with only 5 balls separating first from last after 5 games. The most interesting feature of the evening's play was the huge improvement in Keith's game. He has really got the hang of it now. In the end, Wolfgang came out on top, closely followed by Roger and Beat, with the results as below.

Game	First		Second		Third	
1	Roger		Wolfgang		Beat	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	510	10	530	12	500	12
2	Stephen		Keith		Wolfgang	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	580	10	585	11	565	11
3	Keith		Beat		Wolfgang	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	560	9	515	9	500	10
4	Wolfgang		Stephen		Roger	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	580	10	505	10	530	11
Overall	Wolfgang		Roger		Beat	
	Score	Balls	Score	Balls	Score	Balls
	2175	43	2105	45	2065	46



There will be no Kegel event in December. The next event in January will be announced well ahead of time. If you haven't yet played Kegeln, why not come and give it a go. It makes for a great evening out, with lots of fun & laughter. Please register on the IMCZ Group Spaces, if you wish to attend.



Google Pizza

Hello! Is that Gordon's pizza?
 No sir, this is Google's pizza.
 Did I dial a wrong number?
 No sir, Google bought the business.
 OK. Can you take my order please?
 Well sir, do you want the usual?



The usual? You know me?
 According to your caller ID, in the last 12 times you ordered pizza with extra cheese, pepperoni and thick crust.
 Okay! That sounds like it...
 May I suggest to you this time - ricotta, spinach and dry tomato?
 No, I hate vegetables!
 But your cholesterol is high.
 How do you know?
 Through the subscribers' guide, we have the results of your blood tests for the last five years.
 Okay, but I do not want this pizza, I already take medicine.
 You have not taken the medicine regularly. 4 months ago, you only purchased a box of 30 tablets at Discount Pharmaceuticals.
 I bought more from another pharmacy.
 It's not showing on your credit card.
 I paid cash.
 But you did not withdraw that much cash according to your bank statement.
 I have another source of cash.
 This is not showing on your last tax return.
 So you got it from undeclared income source?
 Enough! I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp. I'm going to an Island without internet, where there is no cell phone line and no one to spy on me.
 I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport as it expired 5 weeks ago.

What to wear?

The tax office called a man, and asked him to come to answer a few questions they have on his tax returns. Shaken, he hurried to his accountant and asked him what should he wear when he goes there. The accountant advised that he should wear his shabiest clothes so that they think he is a very poor man. To get a second opinion he asked his lawyer the same question, but got a diametrically different advice, to wear his most elegant suit and tie.



"Don't let them intimidate you" were his last words.
 Confused, the man went to his priest, told him of the conflicting advice, and requested some resolution to the dilemma. "Let me tell you a story," replied the Priest. "A woman, about to be married, asked her mother what to wear on her wedding night. 'Wear a heavy, long, flannel nightgown that goes right up to your neck.'
 But when she asked her best friend, she got conflicting advice. "Wear your most sexy negligee, with a V neck right down to your navel."

The man protested: "What does all this have to do with my problem with the IRS?!"

"Simple", replied the Priest. "It doesn't matter what you wear, you are going to get screwed!"

Building a Fence

Three contractors were asked to bid for repairing a damaged fence around a government property. They go with an official to inspect the fence.

The first contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900: \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The second contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, I can do this job for \$700: \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The last contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the official and whispers, "\$2,700."



The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?"

The contractor whispers back, "\$1,000 for me, \$1,000 for you, and we hire the second contractor to fix the fence."

"Done!" replies the government official, let's go.

Snoring Problem



A few guys were at a deer camp. No one wanted to room with George, because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns. The first guy roomed with George and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot. They said, 'Man, what happened to you?'

He said, 'George snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night.'

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing - hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, 'Man, what happened to you? You look awful!'

He said, 'Man, that George shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night.'

The third night was Pete's turn. Pete was a big burly ex-Navy man; a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright eyed and bushy tailed. 'Good morning,' he said.

They couldn't believe it! They said, 'Man, what happened?'

He said, 'Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked George into bed, patted him on the butt, and kissed him good night. George sat up and watched me all night. I slept fine.'

Unbutton your shirt

A retired gentleman went into the social security office to apply for social security. After waiting in line for a long time, he got to the counter. The woman behind the counter asked him for his driver's license to verify his age.

He looked in his pockets and realized he had left his wallet at home.

He told the woman that he was very sorry but he seemed to have left his wallet at home.

The woman said, "Unbutton your shirt."

So he opened his shirt, revealing lots of silver, curly hair.

She said, "That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me." And she processed his social security application.



When he got home, the man excitedly told his wife about his experience at the social security office.

She sniffed at him, "You should have dropped your pants, you might have qualified for disability, too."



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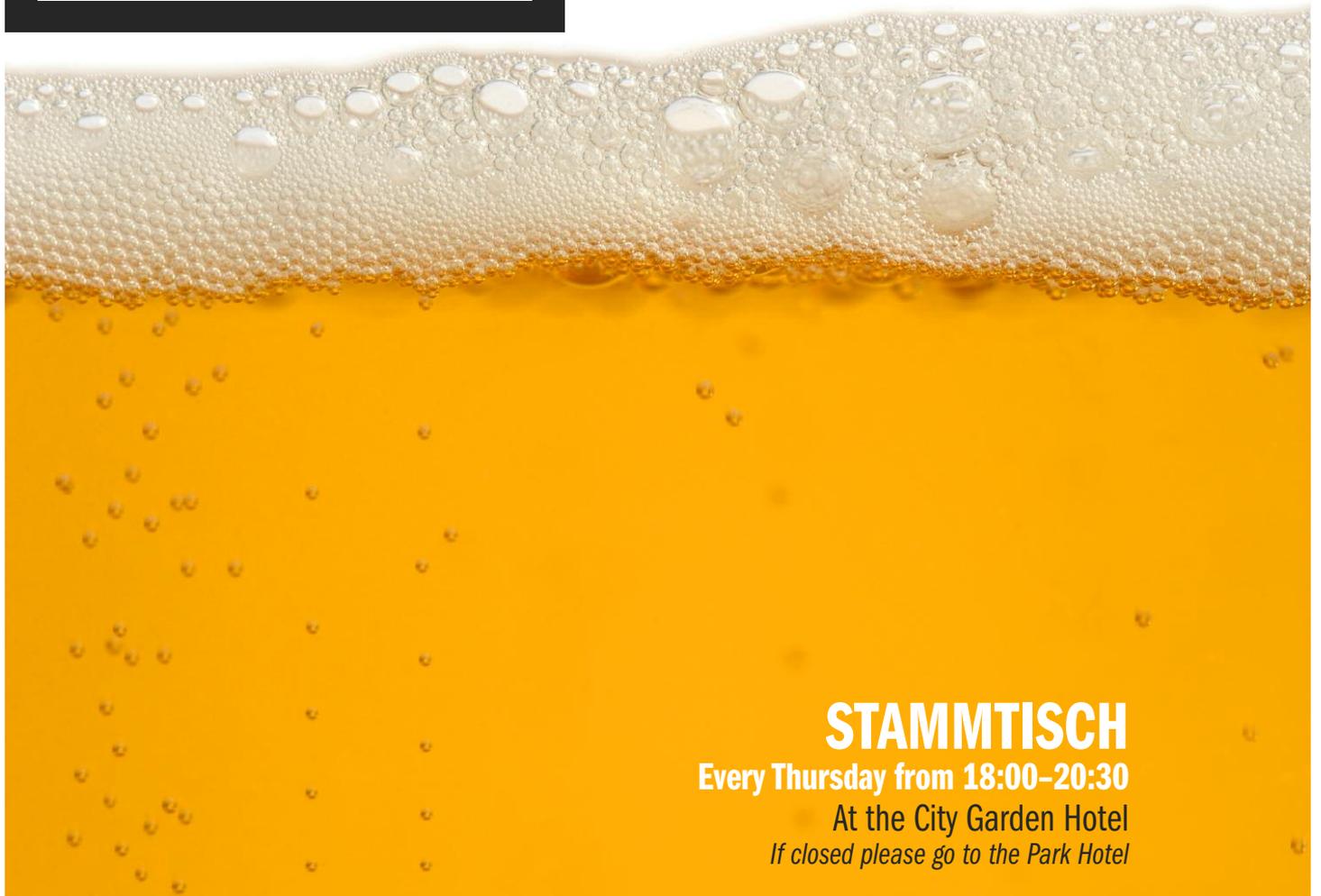
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