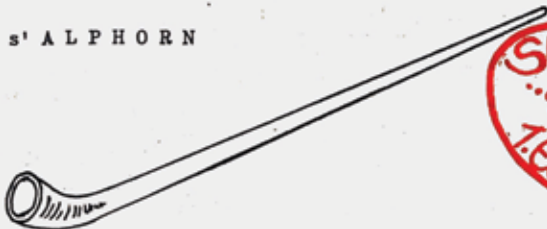


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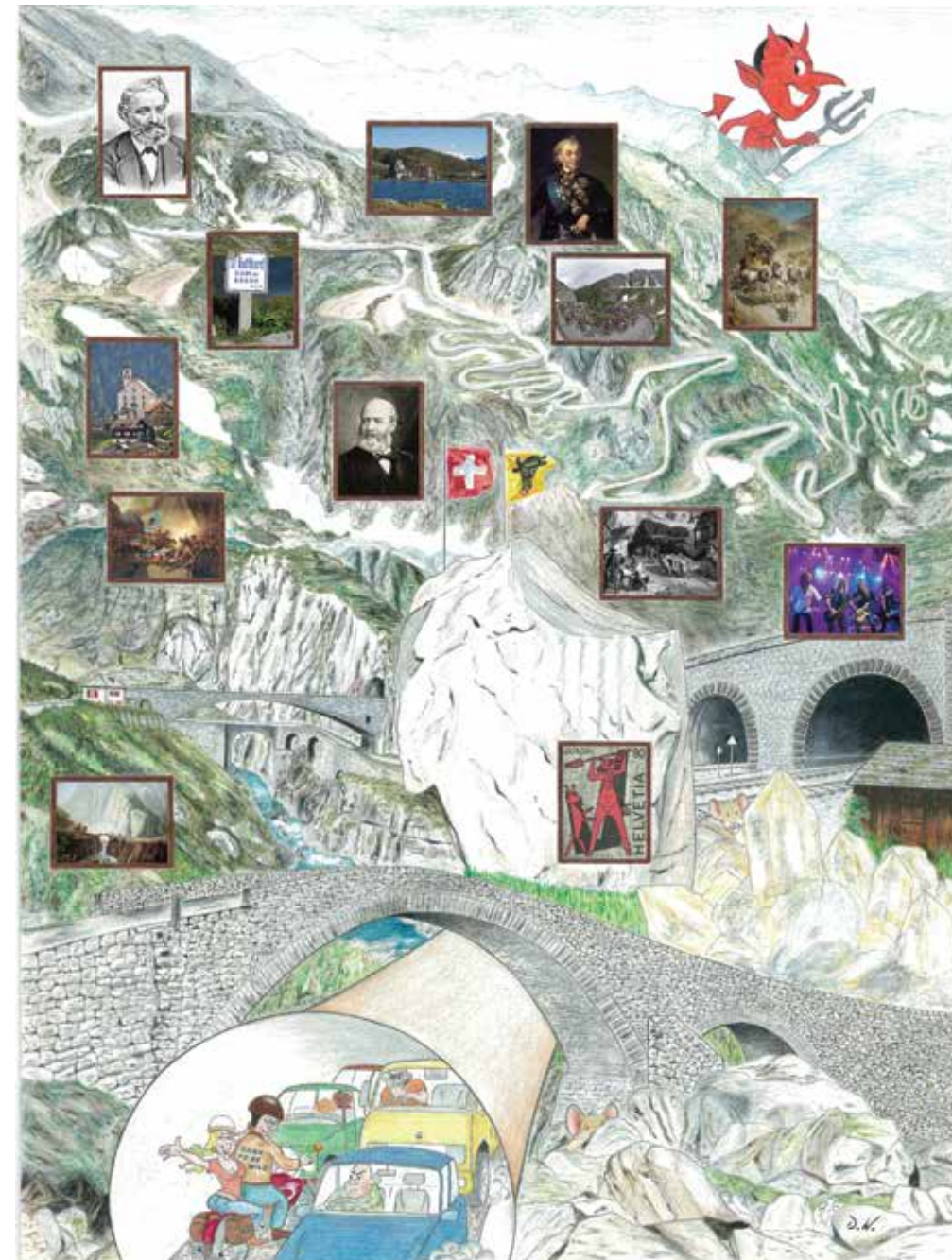


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## Message from the President

Dear members of the Swiss Association of Hong Kong,  
Dear readers,

In this edition of s'Alphorn, you will find pictures and reviews of our events, we hope you enjoy reading through it, maybe even revive fond memories of events you attended and also spark your interest in future ones. Our goal is to make the Association a meeting place for all Swiss and their friends in Hong Kong.

2018 marked an important milestone for the Association as we celebrated its 70th anniversary with a series of special events to mark the occasion.

On the 30th of June, day of the anniversary, former presidents, committee members and friends got together at the LRC for a memorable evening sharing pictures, experiences, and stories of the Association through time.

Thanks to the SAHK 70th Anniversary Committee, our signature event, the Swiss National Day Dinner, stood out as it not only celebrated August 1st but also seven decades of being a meeting point for the Swiss community. During this event, the winners of the first ever Photo contest were announced.

As in other years, the SAHK has organized a wide variety of events catering to different tastes, from coffee mornings and Jass Evenings, to guided tours of art exhibits and the traditional gatherings like the Samichlaus and the Raclette in the Park.

This year, ImpactHK was the chosen charity for our Christmas Charity Luncheon. This organization supports the homeless with essentials while building trust and offering friendship, in order to help them improve or change their situation.

We are also constantly improving our website ([www.swiss-hk.com](http://www.swiss-hk.com)), please check it out regularly for updates on events, blogs and pictures of past events

and other useful information. Registration for events, updating membership details etc has never been easier, as (nearly) everything can be done online.

It is important to mention that none of this would be possible without the engagement of our committee members, especially events coordinators, and many supporters, to whom we want to extend our warmest thanks.

As a purely volunteer organization we always look for people who would like to help and get involved, be it in the committee or helping out in our many events during the year. Please reach out to any of our committee members if you are interested.

We are truly fortunate to enjoy an excellent relationship and support from the Swiss Consulate in Hong Kong and the Swiss Chamber of Commerce.

A special thank you also to our sponsors, as with their help the SAHK has been able to continue publishing s'Alphorn, keeping the Swiss community in Hong Kong connected.

On behalf of the committee of the Swiss Association of Hong Kong: Danke, Merci, Grazie, Engrazieli!

*Verena Mooser*



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The Swiss Association of Hong Kong (SAHK) serves as a focal point for the local Swiss community to socialize, foster friendships, conduct business networking, and meet and engage in activities of common interest.

Throughout the years, the SAHK has welcomed numerous Swiss nationals in Hong Kong and enabled them to maintain and share their heritage and cultural experiences while abroad.

The SAHK organises a variety of activities, including monthly luncheons with guest speakers, monthly

Jazz evenings, holiday parties for children and family hikes. The SAHK works closely with other Swiss organisations such as the Consulate General of Switzerland, Swiss Benevolent Society, Swiss School Committee, Swiss Chamber of Commerce, Swiss XI, Swiss Dragon Boat Team and Swiss Rifle Association.

Membership to the SAHK is open to all Swiss and friends of Switzerland residing in Hong Kong. To find out more, email us at [info@swiss-hk.com](mailto:info@swiss-hk.com) or visit our website at [www.swiss-hk.com](http://www.swiss-hk.com)



## New Committee Members



**Pying**

Whenever I was asked to introduce myself, I always asked how much time I had. In this case, how many words I can write. A short version would be:

I am a Swiss-born Taiwanese who was brought up and educated in the French part of Switzerland. I was always known as Christine back then, and later became Pying-huan or Pying when I moved to Hong Kong. I spent most of my childhood in Lausanne and read my LL.B in Geneva, and LL.M in London. After my Uni's studies, I crossed the Roesti Graben to live in Zurich for a number of years before I moved to Hong Kong.

What do I do for a living? I have been in project finance (UBS, Nomura) and private equity (Capital Z Asia, Deutsche Bank) for almost all my life, and I am currently a senior consultant for a global leading manufacturer of solar photovoltaic modules and provider of solar energy solutions, Canadian Solar (CSIQ, Nasdaq), where I am responsible for the sale of solar farms in Asia.

In my free time, I love travelling, eating and drinking. I am a true Swiss: I love chocolate and raclette. To shed the kilos I gain from being a foodie, I play tennis, badminton and ping pong. I look forward to meeting you all and take the lead for sponsorship activities in the Swiss Committee in Hong Kong. By the way, we accept all forms of sponsorship.



**Claudia**

After twenty years living in France and the UK my husband and I had the opportunity to return to Hong Kong where we started our married lives, welcomed three children and witnessed the handover of Hong Kong back to China. I am very much looking forward to exploring the Hong Kong of today.

Having studied at Cambridge University following a multinational childhood, I worked in Finance in Zuerich and Hong Kong for UBS before retiring to look after our growing family. More international relocations followed, and after settling back in the UK in rural Oxfordshire and whilst chairing a large fund raising campaign for our local grammar schools, I retrained as a teacher and taught secondary modern foreign languages.

I look forward to getting involved with the Swiss Association and their plethora of activities, and I hope to contribute to many future enjoyable events offered to its members.

## New Committee Members

**Vishnu**



Vishnu is of mixed ethnic origin - his father is Indian and his mother, Swiss. He was born and raised in India.

His work experience was gained largely in Dow Chemical (10 years) and at J.P. Morgan (11 years) and covers the spectrum: on the buy and sell sides; in lines of business and in support functions; and (though based in Hong Kong) in most of the Asia Pacific countries.

Vishnu holds 3 degrees from 3 countries: BE Mechanical Engineering from India, MBA from the U.S.A., and MSc E-Commerce Management from the HKUST in Hong Kong.

He lives in Hong Kong with his wife, Nirmala Rao (who is a Chair Professor at the University of Hong Kong) and they have two adult sons, one of whom lives in England and the other in Switzerland.

In 2011, Vishnu decided to give up Corporate life and find a way to enable entrepreneurship and moved to India to focus on and pursue his new vocation. He worked in India on a pro-bono basis for 3 years helping (mainly) young entrepreneurs. Now back in Hong Kong, Vishnu still tries to mentor entrepreneurs and has also taught on an Honorary basis at the Asian University for Women.

A keen golfer and bridge player, Vishnu occasionally blogs at [www.enableentrepreneurship.blogspot.com](http://www.enableentrepreneurship.blogspot.com) and continues to believe strongly in women's rights and in "equal rights and dignity" to all. When in Switzerland, Vishnu and Nirmala live in Schmerikon.



**Susanne**

My name is Susanne Fanton. I have two children.

We moved to Hong Kong in August 2016.

One of my favourite sports here in Hong Kong is dragon boat racing.

I joined the Swiss Association Committee in 2018 as an Events Coordinator.

I have organised a few events already and hope to see you in one of the upcoming ones.





**Martin**

My name is Martin, I'm 33 years old, and I come from a small town close to Bern (Schwarzenburg).

My wife Jingjing is from Beijing, which is where we met 13 years ago. We moved to Hong Kong in 2017, where I work as team head in Swiss Re's Finance department. I have a BA in Sinology and a Master in Finance & accounting.

In our free time we enjoy travelling, skiing, exploring different places to eat, and going to the movies.

Rumor has it that I have very close ties to the Samichlaus.



**Joshua**

I moved to Hong Kong in 2010 after living in Switzerland for 13 years. I am still very much connected to my Swiss roots and the Swiss community in Hong Kong.

I graduated from the GSIS in 2014 and continued with the GSIS business college. Recently I graduated with a bachelor's degree. I managed my business, hkBreadbox, where we deliver Swiss bread to Hong Kong expats.

Being a member of the Swiss Dragon Boat team and Swiss Select football team I will bring more youths to the SAHK committee and increase my involvement in the Swiss community.

I join the committee as the IT Coordinator. However as I always enjoyed going to the SAHK events so I will be happy to help organise them too.

Some of you might remember my mother, Kesang who was the Events Coordinator for the SAHK a few years ago. I look forward to being a member of the committee and hope I will do as good as she did... or maybe even better.



**Cordula, Events Coordinator**



**Barbara, Events Coordinator**



From left:  
Tanja, President of Swiss School Committee  
Pietro, Chairman 70 Years SAHK Celebration  
Michelle, Editor & Graphics

Dear readers,

The cover of the first edition of s'Alphorn printed on 1st, June 1964 is reused for this issue. s'Alphorn started off as a newsletter, 16 years after the Swiss Association of Hong Kong (SAHK) was founded on 30th June, 1948. After a few decades, s'Alphorn has evolved from a newsletter to an interesting magazine with the efforts from many people. Please refer to page 32 for more about the 1st edition.

As year 2018 is the 70th anniversary of the SAHK, you will find a good coverage of the celebrations on pages 34-37 & pages 42-49.

Don't miss out our young article contributor (9 years old) who wrote in both German and English on page 54 & 56.

In memory of Andrea Capol, president of the Swiss Association (Year 2007/2008), please find a special tribute to him on pages 72-73.

Lastly I would like to thank all our sponsors, contributors and committee members for their support and help during the last five years. It has been an interesting experience volunteering for the Swiss Association and this will be the fifth & last issue that I work on. Bye and I wish everyone a good day everyday.

Best regards  
Michelle Char-Immordino  
Editor, s'Alphorn

## Other Swiss Associations

### Swiss Benevolent Society (SBS)

**Tobias Brandner, President**

The SBS of Hong Kong was incorporated in September 1949 to assist Swiss nationals who encounter financial difficulties in Hong Kong. 30% of SAHK membership fee is contributed to the SBS fund.

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### Swiss Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong (SCCHK)

**Gabriel Mallet, President**

SCCHK represents the Swiss business community to both the Swiss and HKSAR governments. Regular meetings and luncheons allow members to meet and discuss their common interests. SCCHK also informs members of new government initiatives that might have relevance to them and acts as a lobbying vehicle to promote their interests to the Government.

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### Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA/ASO)

**Thomas Müller, Hong Kong Representative**

OSA ensures the interests of Swiss citizens living outside of Switzerland are represented in Switzerland through the 140-strong Council of Swiss Abroad. The OSA also provides information about Switzerland and offers various services such as summer camps for children and young people, and information about emigrating or moving back to Switzerland.

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### Swiss Rifle Association

**Alexander Luedi, President**

Founded in 1982, the Swiss Rifle Association organises shooting events and competitions, including the annual Compulsory Shooting and Operation Mercury.

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### Swiss XI

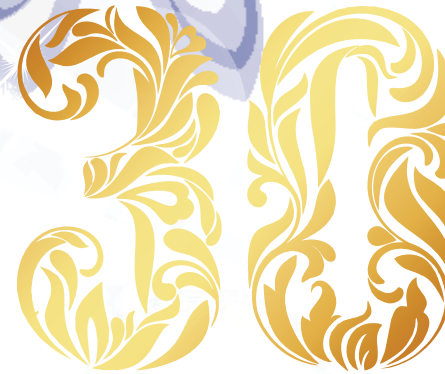
**Peter Klaus, Honorary President**

Founded in 1977 to offer members of the Swiss community and beyond an opportunity to participate in local amateur football league games.

Jürg Niederberger is Vice President and Manager of XI. He has been in charge since 2006. He is also the Swiss XI article contributor for S'Alphorn for the last few years.  
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## Annual General Meeting

The 71st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Swiss Association of Hong Kong (SAHK) followed by the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Benevolent Society of Hong Kong (SBS) was held at the **Ladies Recreation Club** on **Thursday, 14th March, 2019**.

The quorum of 48 members of the SAHK was met, hence the meeting was declared to commence.

**Roland Jossi**, the outgoing president of the SAHK, welcomed Consul General Reto Renggli, all members and guests to the event.

The meeting agenda was as follows:

- Approval of last year's SAHK minutes, SAHK/SSC president reports and audited accounts as well as the election of the the new committee.
- The traditional Cow Bell Handover from **Roland Jossi** to **Verena Mooser**, the newly elected president.
- Approval of SBS minutes and their accounts read

The audience gave a warm applause to the new president, **Verena Mooser**, and the SAHK committee for their much appreciated efforts made last year.

**Verena Mooser**, on behalf of SAHK Committee presented a Thank You Gift to **Roland Jossi** for his dedication and hard work.

We thank all who participated in the AGM meeting either in person or by proxy.



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## Recap of 96th OSA Council Assembly & Congress in Visp

### Thomas Müller

Hong Kong Representative

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Dear SAHK Members,

From 10th to 12th August 2018 the council assembly and congress of the Swiss abroad took place at the Cultural and Congress Centre La Poste in Visp and I would like to briefly report about the main points discussed.

Three topics in particular that the council discussed have drawn also special media attention and were covered in both press and TV:

### Remembrance of the victims of the National Socialism

With an overwhelming majority, without a dissentient vote and 7 abstention, the assembly has approved a proposal of the ASO board to launch a project for a memorial for the expat Swiss victims of the Nazi Holocaust during the Second World War. The OSA will begin discussions with all parties concerned, including Jewish organisations, the Swiss Red Cross and the Foreign Ministry. A memorial - possibly in the shape of a commemorative plaque in a public place - could help to raise awareness for the about 1,000 citizens of neutral Switzerland that were arrested and deported to Nazi labour camps with more than 200 known to have been killed according to records in the Federal Archives.



### E-Voting

The assembly has also given a very clear signal for E-Voting and with 94 votes, without a dissentient vote and only 2 abstention, has approved the launch of an online petition to put pressure on the government and parliament, to ensure that e-voting is in place for all Swiss citizens living abroad by 2021.

Over the past 15 years more than 200 successful trials have been carried out on national and cantonal levels, and both the ASO board and council feel that all of the currently more than 172'000 Swiss abroad should have access to e-voting options.

### Self-Determination Initiative on 25th November 2018

National Councillor Manfred Buehler (SVP/BE) as supporter of the initiative and National Councillor Carlo Sommaruga (SP/GE) as opposer, have spoken about their views and possible impacts of the initiative.

After a number of comments by council members, the assembly has concluded (with 78 votes, 2 dissentient and 12 abstention) a "NO" parole.

In addition the Council has voted and decided on several other topics, such as a new regulation for allowances to OSA overseas delegates; the budget for the "Swiss Revue" magazine; pursuing the idea for the integration of virtual groups (i.e. on social media networks) into the OSA; as well as a mandate to the group "Croset" to further explore possibility of a direct OSA representation in the Swiss parliament. Furthermore, Mr. Martin Nydegger, Director of Swiss Tourism, has made an entertaining presentation of the key facts and activities of Swiss Tourism.

### The Congress on Saturday, 12th August

This years' theme of the OSA Congress was "Switzerland without Europe - Europe without Switzerland". Several high level speakers shared some interesting insights with regards to Swiss-EU relations. Among the highlights were the speeches by Roberto Balzaretti, State Secretary and EDA-Director for European Affairs; Mr. Michael Matthiessen, Ambassador of the European Union to Switzerland and The Monarchy of Lichtenstein; Mr. Sebastian Ramspeck, SRF (Swiss Radio and TV) correspondent; and Mrs. Astrid Epiney, Rector of University of Fribourg and Professor of international law.

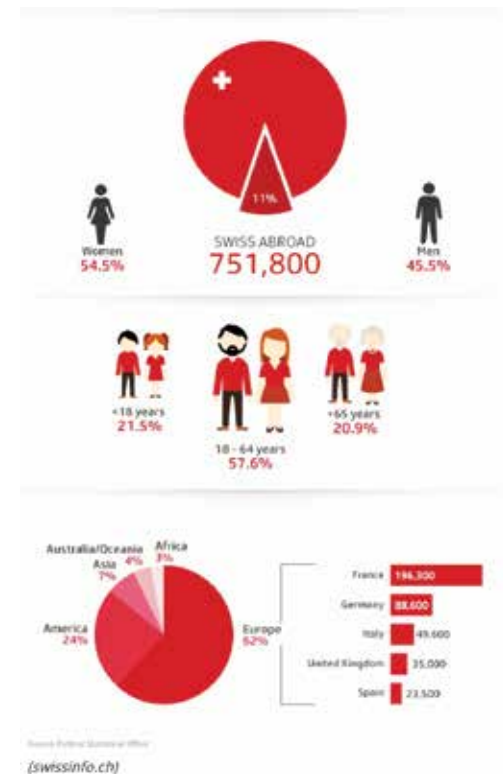
### Sunday Excursion

The traditional Sunday excursion of the OSA-Congress took us this year to Zermatt and up to 2'852m Riffelberg where we had a Raclette Lunch with perfect views of the Matterhorn. Zermatt village was very busy with the ongoing Folklore Festival that day.

### OSA Congress 2019

The next OSA Congress will take place in Montreal (VD) from 16th to 18th August 2019 and will be under the topic "Which World for tomorrow?". In addition, and in view that 2019 will be a Federal Election Year in Switzerland, the assembly also voted with a large majority to include political part into the morning agenda.

## Some figures of the Swiss Abroad 2017





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#### UZH Alumni and Friends Hong Kong



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### University of St. Gallen (HSG)



The HSG Alumni Club Hong Kong was started in 1999 and addresses all alumni of the University of St. Gallen who currently live and/or work in Hong Kong. The HSG Alumni Club Hong Kong is run on an informal basis with 4 to 5 events per year. Our "classic venues" include the Christmas/New Year dinner at the Library of the China Club, the fondue/raclette dinner at the King Ludwig Beerhall in Stanley, as well as the BBQ at the Foreshore Deck of The Hong Kong Country Club. We had also participated in other "joint-alumni events" including Tsinghua University in 2012, the Toronto University in 2013 and the HSG Asia Alumni Meeting. The average attendance per event varies from 20 to 30 people. Some of our members have been living in Hong Kong for more than 20 years, while others are on "short-term" contracts. For more information, please contact Alexandre Tunik, President of the HSG Alumni Club Hong Kong at [tpf@transpacificfareast.com](mailto:tpf@transpacificfareast.com) or go to the website <https://hsgalumni.ch/de/chapters-clubs/uebersicht/>

### ETH Alumni Chapter Hong Kong



The Chapter of the ETH Alumni in Hong Kong was founded on 4th of February 2013. The founding members intend to organize three to four events each year related to current and relevant topics researched and taught at ETH. They are also inviting guest scholars and industry leaders from ETH Zurich to present their areas of expertise to Hong Kong audiences. It is the aim to foster an active and mutually beneficial relationship between ETH University, its alumni and the wider business community in Asia through programs and events. Given the chapter recently are actively seeking contact to alumni of ETH Zurich. ETH alumni based in the region are encouraged to contact Magnus Huber, President of the Alumni Chapter in Hong Kong at [magnus.huber@arctic.ac](mailto:magnus.huber@arctic.ac). To become a member, individuals simply need to register as ETH Zurich Alumni. The affiliation to the local chapter does not incur any additional costs.

### Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL) Hong Kong Alumni Chapter



The Hong Kong Alumni Chapter of the Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne meets at least once a quarter, offering great opportunities for social gatherings and professional networking. It is also a good platform to help both interns and new graduates integrate easily into their new environment. For more information, please go to the website : <http://aehl.net/eng/hong-kong>



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## Events of the year



### April 2018

- Joint Luncheon
- Seven Jass Evening
- Coffee Morning
- Swiss Jass Evening
- Social Night



### May 2018

- Joint Luncheon
- Swiss Jass Evening
- Coffee Morning
- Social Night
- Night at the Races



### June 2018

- Joint Luncheon
- Swiss Jass Evening
- Coffee Morning
- Social Night
- Bosshard in China - Photo Exhibition
- The History of 70 years of the SAHK



### July 2018

- Swiss Jass Evening
- INSIDE Series - Visit to Tai Kwun



### August 2018

- Swiss Jass Evening
- Swiss National Day & 70 Years SAHK Celebration



### September 2018

- Joint Luncheon
- Swiss Jass Evening

## Events of the year



### October 2018

- Joint Luncheon
- Coffee Morning
- Swiss Jass Evening
- Guided Tour to Lui Seng Chun Building (Chinese Medicine Healthcare Centre)



### November 2018

- Joint Luncheon
- Swiss Jass Evening
- Melchterli Cup 2018
- Evening Junk Outing
- Guided Tour to Legislative Council Complex



### December 2018

- Xmas Coffee Morning
- INSIDE Series - Visit to Hutchison Port & DKSH Mapletree Healthcare Distribution Centre
- Xmas Charity Luncheon
- Family BBQ with Santa Claus 2018
- Claus Jass Evening



### January 2019

- Joint Luncheon
- Swiss Jass Evening
- Coffee Morning
- Night at the Races - New Year Full Moon



### February 2019

- Joint Luncheon
- Swiss Jass Evening
- New Year Cocktail for the Swiss Community
- Guided Tour to the Xiqu Centre (Chinese Opera)



### March 2019

- Joint Luncheon
- Swiss Jass Evening
- INSIDE Series - Visit to The Mills
- Raclette in the Park
- 71st SAHK AGM & 47th SBS AGM





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## Swiss Business Hub Hong Kong receives MSc students from St.Gallen & Bern for 'Study Trip'

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On the 23th of March, a dynamic and high-spirited group of 44 Master of Science (MSc) students and faculty members from the Bern University of Applied Sciences & the University of Applied Sciences St. Gallen touched down in Hong Kong, for most it was the first time in our electrifying city. It was the beginning of a week long intensive overseas study program.

The first program on our agenda was a captivating walking tour in Kowloon which first took our group to Wong Tai Sin Temple where we learned about Taoism, fortune telling and the neighboring shanty housing. The walking tour continued on to the Kowloon Walled City Park to view the remnants of the city and talked about its dark history and the role it played during the 'walled' era. Next, the tour took us to Sham Shui Po to visit the least affluent area of Hong Kong where we learned about the day to day life of the average locals. This part was especially important as most do not get to see the contrast in Hong Kong living by simply staying on the Hong Kong Island. The final stop of the walking tour ended at the Star Ferry Pier in TST which took our group across the harbor and then onto a big bus up to Victoria Peak.

Whilst meandering, twisting and turning up to the Peak, it resembled something out of a 70s horror movie. The sun had already bid us goodbye, rain was beginning to come down torrentially, the wind blowing and whistling, and the amount of fog made for zero visibility. Bravely, we made our way off the bus and started to head towards the outdoor view point. It did not take long before it was decided to turn back because the weather conditions were unbearable.

With wild wind and rain in our hair, our big group hurriedly headed into the piazza. It was a mere few moments before customer service staff informed us that we had to exit the building ASAP. We were not permitted to enjoy the several bottles of prosecco we had hauled up with us in hopes of a welcome toast. With the help of a few strong n'handsome students, we once again scurried out into the darkness and rain to enter the nearby carpark where our bus was parked with our 'toasting' bottles.

In a frantic yet excellent execution of team work and last minute brainstorming, a few of the students pulled together planks of wood and plastic barricades and created a make shift 'pop-up' bar. By doing this, we were able to serve the drinks for the welcome toast. This just goes to show how creative our countrymen are! No wonder our beautiful alpine country, Switzerland, consistently ranks #1 in the world for innovation!



**Make Shift  
innovative  
'pop-up'  
Garage Bar**

that existed within the study group. For example, we had Swiss born and raised Greek and Turkish influences amongst us. Jokes were made that next time gifts of Feta Cheese combined with Swiss chocolate would also be warmly welcomed as a way of showing off the growing diversification of Switzerland.



**Sibylle Minder Hochreutener (FHSG Faculty), Athanasios Missiaris (FHSG Student), Karin Pfister (FHSG Faculty) enjoy the HK skyline at Woolloomooloo.**

After the brief welcome toast at our make shift garage bar, we headed back onto the bus for our welcome dinner at Little Bao in Causeway Bay. Certainly a delightful evening with lots of surprises.

The week that followed included many interesting exchanges and new friendships were formed between the students and also with the SBH. It was delightful to learn of the diverse cultures and different nationalities

One of our noteworthy days of the study trip week took place on Wednesday 27th March. A seminar morning was organized by the SBH which included several compelling industry expert speakers who covered Hong Kong 'hot topics'. The topics included: real estate, start-up/innovation, finance and business. Students were given the chance to learn of special insights from our industry experts. The majority of the speakers were from our very own Swiss Community: Symon Tilberis (BNP Paribas Bank), Oliver Leisinger (UBS Bank) and Alex Pestalozzi

(Mueller Asia). Thanks to them, the seminar morning was a great success.



**Andrew Wells, HK Real Estate expert, shares his views at the seminar morning.**

The second half of the day took our group to The Peninsula Hotel where we enjoyed a first-hand and personal reflection from retired hotelier professional, Edgar Solenthaler. He spoke to us about starting his Asia career in the early 80s with what is lovingly known as 'The Pen' and of course further insights of Hong Kong both past and present.



**Edgar Solenthaler, retired hotelier, gives a wonderful speech about 'The Pen'.**

This was followed by a tour of the hotel, showcasing the art installations which have been recently set up around the

property in perfect synchronization with Art Basel. We also visited the clipper lounge and the presidential suite which offered splendid views over Victoria harbor. The day ended on a happy note at the race course in Happy Valley over horse bets, beer and laughter.



**Group photo at the Peninsula Hotel.**

Further company visits during the week took our group to Schoggi Meier where we enjoyed a thorough 'Swiss Willy Wonka' style chocolate tour

with the remarkable Rene Frauenfelder, and also Bread Elements bread factory just next door with superstar baker Gregoire Michaud. Both are super inspiring success stories not only within our Swiss Community but also throughout the region! We are very thankful that they took the time to show us around their factories.



**Chocolatier discussion with Rene Frauenfelder at the Schoggi Meier factory.**

The week came to an end with a delicious farewell dinner at Fang Fang and then a private rooftop after party organized by the SBH in the Mid-Levels. A very successful week with many memories made to last a lifetime.



**Delicious goose served for the farewell dinner at Fang Fang restaurant.**



**Symon Tilberis (BNP Paribas Bank) with Erkan Yakupoglu (FHSU Student) at the farewell apéro.**

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## 1st Edition of s'Alphorn magazine

**Pietro Immordino**

President 2016/2017

Chairman 70 Years SAHK Celebration



In June 1964 the first edition of s'Alphorn magazine was published. It was meant to be a sporadic publication to share interesting and current information from home – way before the internet came to be.

The multilingual first edition was labelled as a “Versuchsexemplar” (trial or test publication), and the editors were expecting feedback so that its content could match the reader's expectations. The ads would finance the printing and distribution as it still continues to be. A big thank you to all the past and current sponsors.

The title s'Alphorn was used as a metaphor to “blow” the news to the Swiss community in Hong Kong. Same as today the 8 pages magazine introduced the SAHK committee but then followed with announcing forthcoming events, e.g. Luncheons at the Ladies Recreation Club with separate dates for Ladies and Men, BBQ Beach Party for Children as well as Jass, Bowling and Billiard evenings. In contrast, the more current s'Alphorn editions provide recap of the events of the past year.

The 1st Edition also contained a birth announcement and an open letter by the SAHK committee to the non-members. Quoting from the letter “... It comes rather as a surprise to the Committee to learn that there are at present almost as many non-members of our Association in the Colony as members ... that something should be done about this un-Swisslike situation. ...”.

Over these 55 years s'Alphorn has evolved and changed, but it still strives to share interesting information of the past year in review. A big thank you goes to all the editors of s'Alphorn.

After 5 years this is Michelle's last year as the s'Alphorn Editor. We are still looking for a new Editor for future editions. Get in touch with the committee if you are interested.



**1st edition**

Printed in 1964

**137th edition**

Printed in 2019



## Monthly Jass Evening

Raffael Morger



**Angela, Jass Queen of 2018**

**with Raffael, Jass Evening Organiser**



Another year with plenty of exciting games, interesting debates and delicious dinners at the Swiss Jass Evenings. The annual Jass championship ended a fantastic new Jass-Queen – Angela! It was a very narrow race at the top, first runner up is Tobias with only 74 point behind Angela.

We continue to play on a monthly basis in the Pacific Club and anyone who likes to play Jass is welcome to join. The top three of every monthly evening wins a bottle of wine. For the less lucky ones, it is a fun event and there is always high quality food and good services at the Pacific Club.

The 2019 Jass monthly evenings are published on the Swiss Association Website and you can register via [jass@swiss-hk.com](mailto:jass@swiss-hk.com)





The 70 Years History of the SAHK presentation started at 4.30pm. It took us back to June 30th 1948, when the Swiss Association of Hong Kong was founded exactly 70 years ago. All the significant moments after 1948 were presented including some old documents, photos and video clips.





Cake Cutting Ceremony

Past presidents of the Swiss Association of Hong Kong  
 From left: Bruno Von Siebenthal (2002), Felix Bieger (1990),  
 Angelina Bussinger-Lee (2010), Werner Heimgartner (1998),  
 Martin Kleger (1992), Pietro Immordino (2016)

The Swiss Association of Hong Kong was founded three years after the war ended. It was still a very difficult period in Hong Kong as the different business sectors struggled to rebuild from scratch. Many businessmen including the Swiss had financial difficulties. The founders of the Swiss Association of Hong Kong took a leadership role to help the Swiss community and hence the foundation of the SAHK, a nonprofit organisation.

Since the foundation there have been many people who contributed and supported the Swiss Association of Hong Kong either as committee members, members, volunteers or sponsors.

It was with great pleasure that some past presidents of the Swiss Association and committee members joined this event and in total there were 30 of us together.

A big thank you to all who helped and supported this special event, including:

1. The Swiss Bank of Geneva for sponsoring this event.
2. Kurt Walter for hosting us at the LRC.
3. The SAHK history contents contributors.
4. Our volunteer photographer.
5. All the participants who were at the event.

Happy 70th anniversary to the Swiss Association of Hong Kong!







Coffee Morning

Bosshard in China  
Photo Exhibition



Evening  
Junk



Social Night



INSIDE Series - Tai Kwun Visit (Centre  
for Heritage and Arts)



Guided Tour to  
Lui Seng Chun Bldg  
(Grade 1 historical  
bldg revitalised as a  
Chinese medicine  
healthcare centre)



Night at the Races  
(Public Area)



INSIDE Series  
Visit to Hutchison  
Port

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## SAHK Events



Guided tour to the  
Legislative Council  
Building (Legco)



Guided tour to the  
Xiqu Centre (Chinese  
Opera Centre)



Christmas Coffee  
Morning at the LRC



## SAHK Events



New Year Full Moon  
Night at the Races



Can you see the  
Full Moon?



AGM Dinner  
at the LRC

Please visit [www.swiss-hk.com/blog](http://www.swiss-hk.com/blog) for more SAHK events photos





The celebration of the Swiss National Day on 1st August 2018 was a special one as 2018 marked also the 70th Anniversary for the Swiss Association of Hong Kong.



For the first time a photo backdrop was arranged for photo taking of the participants. The company logo of our sponsors appeared according to the category: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Drawing on the banner and backdrop by Daniel Wettling.





*Consul General Reto Renggli (left) and the president of the Swiss Association of Hong Kong 2018, Roland Jossi (bottom) welcomed the guests to the event.*



*Presentation of the 70 years history of the Swiss Association of Hong Kong by Pietro Immordino, Chairman 70 Years SAHK Celebration*

*MC for the evening:  
Olivia Kung (Centre)  
Peter Reichenbach (Right)*



*Sing along for all ages*



*Winner of the photo competition - Daniel Wettling  
(Please refer to page 50 & 51 for an interview with Daniel)*



*Group Photo at Table  
Schaffhausen*





Swiss National Day & 70 Years Swiss Association of Hong Kong Celebration, 1 August 2018

### CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY

Invited on stage

Consul General Reto Renggli

Swiss Chamber of Commerce President, Gabriel Mallet

The Swiss Association of Hong Kong Presidents

Heinz Ruest (1972)

Bruno von Siebenthal (2002)

Felix Bieger (1990)

Thomas Rechtsteiner (2013)

Fritz Sommerau (1991)

Pietro Immordino (2016)

Werner Heimgartner (1998)

Tobias Luedin (2017)

Stefan Herzog (1999)

Roland Jossi (2018)



Swiss National Day & 70 Years Swiss Association of Hong Kong Celebration, 1 August 2018

Please visit [www.swiss-hk.com/blog](http://www.swiss-hk.com/blog) for more Swiss National Day dinner photos





A memorable evening and our thanks to:

- \* Swiss Consul General Reto Renggli and the staff of the Consulate General of Switzerland
- \* Our Sponsors (Page 48 & 49)
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- \* All our participants who supported this event

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### Behind the scenes



## 6 Questions with Daniel Wettling, the winner of the SAHK photo contest 2018

By San Wang (Mrs)

The winner of the one-and-only photo contest is a long-time resident of Hong Kong. s'Alphorn has caught up with Daniel to find out more about the winning photo and its creator.

### SAHK Photo Contest



Congratulations Daniel!

#### (1) How long have you been living in Hong Kong and what brought you here?

My wife and I came to Hong Kong in 1987 because of my culinary career. I was hired by the Swiss Executive Chef, the late Rolf Hardmeier of the Hilton Hong Kong. Hong Kong has always been a fascinating city for me. The hospitality development here in the 80's was most exciting.

#### (2) Can you describe your impressions on this city when you first stepped foot on it?

We arrived in the evening at the Kai Tak Airport. The energy, vibrancy and noise of Hong Kong was intoxicating. I was so fascinated with the culture and traditions that I spent my days off dragging my wife to all the interesting spots to soak up the special culture here.

#### (3) Could you tell us the story about

#### your winning piece and how you see the connection between Hong Kong and Switzerland?

The photograph is a pigeon standing on top of the street sign "Basel Road" in Shau Kei Wan.

Since my arrival here, I became a Hong Kong history enthusiast. There used to be a Basel Mission in Sai Ying Pun and Shau Kei Wan. While looking out for some relics and connection from the abovementioned Basel Mission, I noticed a street name "Basel Road". It captured my interest and I decided to take a picture for my files. As I was taking the picture, a pigeon just landed on the wall on top of the street sign. The pigeon was not the focus of the picture. It was the name of the street that got my attention - A Swiss name for a street in Hong Kong!

When I entered the competition, I went through my files and found the picture and named it "s' Basler Dybli" after the well-known Basel Pigeon.

#### (4) Where do you see similarities between these two places (HK <> CH)?

Hong Kong like Switzerland has its own unique characteristics. While Switzerland is more traditional and conservative, Hong Kong is more vibrant and cosmopolitan. However, they both are financial centers of the world where investors come to do businesses. Needless to say, living standards of both places are getting higher and higher each year!

#### (5) Daniel, you have been drawing the cover page for our s'Alphorn magazine for many years. Can you tell us how life in Hong Kong has influenced your

#### creativity and shaped your work?

Changes. I believe the many changes in Hong Kong also affect my creativity. As a Swiss, I look at Hong Kong in a different light, adapting and evolving certain features and trends into the drawing. Most of the time, I connect the two places with elements that are receptive by both. Swiss elements are always featured in the drawing.

#### (6) What would your advice be for anybody who newly moved to Hong Kong?

Have an open mind and an open heart. Embrace the local culture and traditions and you will find new enjoyment and satisfaction in your stay in Hong Kong.

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## Christmas Charity Luncheon 2018



## Christmas Charity Luncheon 2018



Please refer to page 59 & 62, more about the speaker and the charity, ImpactHK.



## Der Nikolaus war zu Besuch in Hong Kong

Geschrieben von Melina Fanton, 9 Jahre



Juhuuuu, der Nikolaus war in Hong Kong!

Bevor die ersten Eltern zum Treffpunkt kamen, habe ich meinem Mami und einigen anderen Frauen geholfen, alles für den Besuch vom Nikolaus (für mich «Samichlaus») vorzubereiten.

Alles begann um 10 Uhr. Da kamen die ersten Familien zum BBQ Platz oben beim Park View. Für die Eltern gab es Kekse und Kaffee. Auch grillen konnte man, wenn man wollte.

Da der Nikolaus nicht gleich kam, konnten die Kinder noch eine Weile basteln. Zum Basteln gab es viele Dinge aus der Natur, aus denen man ein schönes Mobile machen konnte.

So gegen 11 Uhr kam dann endlich der Nikolaus mit seinem Gehilfen, den wir in der Schweiz «Schmutzli» nennen. Der Nikolaus sagte ein paar nette Sätze über dich und ein paar Sachen, in denen du dich noch verbessern kannst.

Der Nikolaus ist ein netter Mann. Und schlau ist er auch, er konnte nämlich viele verschiedene Sprachen!! «Schmutzli» hat nicht viel gesagt. Aber er war da und hat die Geschenke and die Kinder verteilt.

Für jedes Kind gab es dann einen «Gritibänz» (Teigmännchen) und noch viele mehr tolle Sachen wie Mandarinen, Schokolade und Erdnüsse.

Leider hat es am Schluss etwas angefangen zu regnen, da gingen viele nach Hause. Es war sehr toll, den Samichlaus in Hong Kong zu sehen.



## Family BBQ with Santa Chlaus 2018





## Santa's visit in Hong Kong

English version from Melina Fanton, 9 years old



Yes, Santa Claus was in Hong Kong!

Before the participants arrived at the meeting point, I helped my mum and the other volunteers to prepare everything for Santa.

The event started at 10am and the first family arrived at the BBQ pit at Park View. Coffee and cookies were prepared for the parents. A BBQ pit was also prepared for those who wanted to put something on the grill.

As Santa came a little later the kids had the chance to find and collect all the great natural materials from the forest. They created very beautiful Mobiles.



Around 11am it was time for Santa to arrive. Santa came with his helper. In Swiss German we call his helper «Schmutzli».



Santa said something very nice about every child, but also one thing the child could do better in the future. Santa is a very nice guy. And he is very clever too! Santa can speak a lot of different languages! «Schmutzli» Santa's helper didn't say a lot. But he gave every child some very nice presents like tangerines, chocolate and peanuts.

Unfortunately, it started to rain just after Santa talked to the last child. It was very nice to see Santa in Hong Kong!

## New Year Cocktail 2019





## Raclette in the Park 2019



Gate crusher!



## Helping Hong Kong's Homeless

### Jeff Rotmeyer, Founder of ImpactHK

The story of ImpactHK, a registered charity since 2017, started over 3 years ago, when founder Jeff Rotmeyer had the idea of doing one kind act a month for the homeless, walking through the streets, handing out supplies to Hong Kong's ever-increasing homeless population. From that first Kindness Walk ImpactHK was born and has blossomed, with the help of over 3000 volunteers, into a registered charity, now carrying out over 50 Kindness Walks a month serving over 400 homeless people a week in six locations across HK.

Alongside the food, toiletries and other necessities, the volunteers offer kindness, friendship and connection in the belief that a trusting relationship will make a positive change in the individual's life.

Once any of these homeless friends are ready to take the leap, ImpactHK will endeavour to provide the funds necessary for them to set up home but also, and most importantly, will provide the love, support and opportunity required for this long and difficult journey to take place.



The Guestroom, the new day centre in Tai Kok Tsui, opened in 2018. Here visitors can be fed, get new clothing, get a haircut, get their laundry done or just simply relax, safely and off the streets, all



helping with their rehabilitation.

ImpactHK offers all of their homeless friends a plethora of guidance and advice from personal counselling, financial management, mentorship and nutritional advice to physical activity and language learning, all with the aim of equipping their visitors with the necessary skills needed to successfully integrate back into the wider community.

ImpactHK 'By reaching out through kindness, we transform the lives of the homeless- one life at a time.' #KindnessMatters



Please refer to pages 52-53 & 62 regarding the Christmas Charity Luncheon and The Speaker



## Joint Monthly Luncheons



**9th April 2018**  
**From Banking to the Battlefields**

Guest Speaker: Mr. YIP Wai Cheong (Jason)  
Regional Head of Market  
Government Affairs and Donor Relations  
division, ICRC



**7th May 2018**  
**Insights from a fine watch collector:  
no time like the present**

Guest Speaker: Mr. Sean Li  
Editorial & Business Development Director  
Blackbird Watch Manual



**5th June 2018**  
**Swiss Ambassador's Briefing**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jean-Jacques de Dardel  
Ambassador of Switzerland



**3rd September 2018**  
**Priced out of Paradise?**

Guest Speaker: Mr. Christopher Dillon  
Award-winning writer, entrepreneur and  
Principal of Dillon Communications Ltd.

## Joint Monthly Luncheons



**8th October 2018**  
**Detected**

Guest Speaker: Mr. Rob Royea  
CEO, CYRCADIA ASIA, LTD.



**5th November 2018**  
**Will the world be running out of  
water by 2050**

Guest Speaker: Mr. Robert Hauser  
Senior Analyst ESG Solutions,  
Zürcher Kantonalbank



**22nd November 2018**  
**A world in disarray: How can  
partnerships overcome  
humanitarian challenges?**

Guest Speaker: Mr. Peter Maurer  
The President of the International  
Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)



**22nd November 2018**  
**A world in disarray: How can  
partnerships overcome  
humanitarian challenges?**

Second Guest Speaker: Mr. Pierre Dorbes  
Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC

## Joint Monthly Luncheons



3rd December 2018  
Christmas Charity Luncheon

Guest Speaker: Mr. Jeff Rotmeyer  
Founder of Impact HK  
(More on pages 52-53 & 59)



14th January 2019  
Will banks still exist in 20 years?  
Entering the race of innovation and  
disruptive technologies

Guest Speaker: Ms. Cat Rüst  
Head of Innovation Technologies  
Greater China  
UBS Wealth Management



11th February 2019  
Forecast for Year of Pig 2019

Guest Speaker: Mr. Raymond Lo  
Feng Shui Master



4th March 2019  
Lacking talent for your business?  
The challenges of adapting  
education to required market skills

Guest Speaker: Mr. Danny Lee  
Partner of Blue Pool Capital  
Principal of Dillon Communications Ltd.

## Joint Monthly Luncheons





## Swiss XI the 42nd version - 3x Good News and 1x Bad News Jürg Niederberger



For all dear s'Alphorn readers, a short recap of who we are; Swiss XI ("Swiss Eleven"), THE football club in Hong Kong, one of the founding members of the Yau Yee League, and that was back in 1977(!). Wow, we are more than forty years old and rest assured, we are still going strong. The current team is a mix of many Swiss (including Liechtenstein), many Japanese, some Germans, some British, a few Hong Kongers, a Canadian, a Slovak and a Ghanaian (a person from Ghana; I had to look this up). These days the organisation of such a mix of people is easy, today's technology helps immensely. I sometimes wonder how they did it back in the 70s and 80s. Must have been a nightmare, telling the team that next week we meet there and then, and then you can just hope that all remember and actually turn up. Can I assume people were more reliable then, if somebody said they would be there in seven days, they were actually there ... at the right place ... at the right time, and with some shoes in the sports bag?!

### The 1st Good News

I wonder how the Swiss XI team fared back then with regards to "fair play". Were they a team of solid lumberjacks taking down opponents' legs with or without balls or were they more a team of gracious ballerinas that were touching the ball with a touch rarely seen from European players? Nobody knows, or the ones that know will surely tell us about it being the latter. In tennis the Modern Era started in 1985, in the Hong Kong Yau Yee League it started in 2006, with the arrival of a multi-functional website ([www.yaueeleague.com](http://www.yaueeleague.com); it even has a second "transfer market"). For that Modern Era in Hong Kong amateur football, for that last 13 years, we know everything about Swiss XI; who played, who scored, who got substituted, who got booked, etc. Therefore, we know, or can easily find out, that Swiss XI was never really a team of shy boys, of boys that held back when it came to famous "50-50 tackles". Don't get me wrong, Swiss XI was never an over-the-top aggressive team, but then it was never an "angel" team. However, something switched last year, as the team decided to become a "fairer" team, a team that can inspire. That is what we did and as a consequence, Swiss XI for the first time ever won the "Fair Play Trophy". We can all be very proud of that.

### The 2nd Good News

There is an active indoor (futsal) league here in Hong Kong, called the PowerSoccer league ([www.powersoccer.hk](http://www.powersoccer.hk), Monday nights at either South Island School or West Island School). Some four years ago, Swiss XI created a "farm" team called the Swiss Select. It was a nice change for some players to play indoors and for a few years we were just there and kicked the ball around in the 2nd division. Then last year we got some new players and some new people were taking charge, them being Cyrill Arzner, Erich Spirgi





and Daniel Mijic. They even managed to get new sponsors for nice home and away team kit. It all started to become a bit more competitive and the promotion to the 1st division was the consequence. First, we had a difficult time to adapt to the new pace and lost the first two games in the 1st division rather badly. However, we were able to get back to the basics of playing simple and efficient football with the consequence that we didn't lose another game thereafter. We finished the first season in the top (1st) division as the runner up, what a nice achievement!

#### Now let me bring in the Bad News

“Alles hat ein Ende, nur die Wurst hat zwei”! No, of course there is no end to Swiss XI. However, after ten seasons in the top (1st) division of the Yau Yee League, it is time for playing in the 2nd division again. What happened? Swiss XI has plenty of talented players, how come relegation became reality? I believe the answer is simple, just too many players with lots of travel and family commitments. This makes it difficult to organise trainings and to play in a similar formation week-in week-out. Additionally, last season played out weirdly as in the two seasons before we got less points and were never in relegation danger. Last season we won seven games, drew two games; and with 23 points no 1st division ever got relegated, until now. It was actually only because of a “worse goal difference”; our 23 points / -14 goals was just one short of the next team with 23 points / -13 goals! Anyway, there is not much point to go into “if and when”. We got enough points but did not score enough goals (even though 36 goals out of 22 goals sounds okay), we got relegated and shall play in the 2nd division, for the first time since 2007/2008. It was a good run, we can be proud of that.

#### And to conclude the 3rd Good News

Swiss XI is well and alive and the 2019 version seems to be an upgrade. Yes, we started the season 2018/19 back in the 2nd division. It is always difficult to assess before the season, how we shall fare in the new season. The answer makes us proud, we are top of the 2nd division going into the last third of the season 2018/19. We are five points ahead of the second team and ten points ahead of the third ranked team. Additionally, we are in the Cup Quarter-Final. Consequently, the 42nd year of Swiss XI existence seems to be a happy one with success on and off the pitch. We shall keep it up, but of course, we are also always looking for new players, whether this being Swiss or not, whether being young or “seasoned”, all are welcome to join our weekly training session at King's Park (in Jordan).

These days, nothing goes without loyal, generous sponsors, whether this is by just supporting during the games, or by actually sponsoring shirts or events. Our loyal supporters are SWISS SURE LTD (by Nigel F), UBS AG (by Rene B), Ziggy's Fine Food (by Sigi B), SWISS INT ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD (by Cyril A), PAN-EURO CONSULTING LTD (by Marcel A) and MOKUM BAR. Thank you all!

#### Still Going Strong

Alexander Luedi, President of Swiss Rifle Association of Hong Kong



Shooting with our adapted Swiss army rifle continues to be an exclusive activity in Hong Kong. We are happy that we still have 50 registered members who have an opportunity twice per year to come to a friendly shooting competition at a 50-meter shooting range in Sheng Shui, using a for civilian-use adapted STGW 90. We fire live rounds which we import directly from Switzerland.

We shoot the Swiss army compulsory and field shoot (Obligatorisches und Feldschiessen) and in the fall a traditional program, which since its inception over 30 years ago goes under the name Operation Mercury.

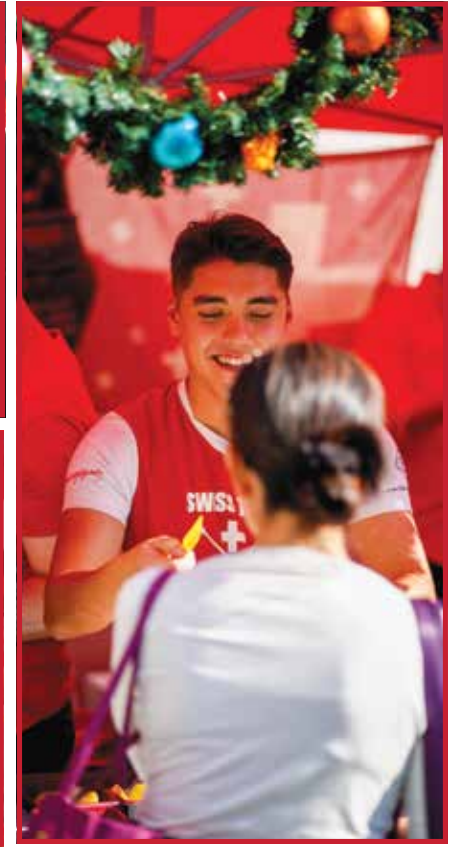
On each of the two days each shooter fires over 60 rounds - between a game of Jass, or a Bratwurst and Cheese.

Our traditional club is open to all Swiss army trained residents of Hong Kong. More recently we have also offered a Young Shooters Course, for Hong Kong resident young Swiss who have attained 15 years of age.

All of this activity is following strict regulations, and overseen by the Hong Kong Police Force, who continues to be a great supporter of our activities. For more information and how to join look up SRAHK on Facebook.







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## In Memory of Andrea Capol



Dear Charlotte, Vincent and Stephanie,  
Dear SAHK members,

It is with honour that Thomas and I write our remembrance for Andrea Capol who passed away 27th November 2017

Andrea welcomed us both warmly into the Committee of the SAHK which we both found very fulfilling. We enjoyed his calm leadership. Andrea allowed for brainstorming and fresh ideas at productive and fun monthly meetings. With a few words he could let us know when he was and was not in accordance with the direction of the discussions and would navigate the team back on track. Always thinking of what will interest our members. Thomas and I feel a great pleasure of having gotten to know Andrea better through our collaboration on the committee. In true to Swiss style of everyone being equal, Andrea showed by example to work dutifully to unite and support the Swiss community of Hong Kong.

Humble in nature, strong by determination, this is how we fondly remember a dear colleague and friend; husband of Charlotte and father of Vincent and Stephanie. Our thoughts are with you.

Affectionately,  
Thomas and Angelina



Our thanks to Angelina Bussinger-Lee (President of the Swiss Association of Hong Kong, 2010/2011) and Thomas Rechsteiner (President of the Swiss Association of Hong Kong, 2013/2014) for their joint efforts in writing their remembrance of Andrea Capol.

Andrea joined the Swiss Association as a member in 1999. He was member of the Swiss Association committee from 2006-2009 and was President 2007/2008.

Andrea continued to support the Swiss Association even after he was not in the committee. It was sad news for us all in the committee when we learned of his passing in 2017. We shared the news during our special events, the Christmas Charity Joint Luncheon on 4th December 2017 as well as during the Swiss Association 70th Anniversary History event on June 30 2018.

Andrea Capol will always have a special place in the Swiss Association. May he rest in peace.



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## Choose one:

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