

Swiss Club of Washington, DC

June 2026 Postillion



Message from the President

Gruezi, Bonjour, Buongiorno, Hello,

Happy summer everyone! I wish all of you a great and fun start to the season of travel, exploration, and outdoor events.

May was a very exciting month for the Club with several successful events. We enjoyed one of its most successful hikes ever this past weekend on Sugar Loaf Mountain. We had a great turnout, fantastic weather, and the scenery did not disappoint! Thanks so much to all who attended, and a special thanks to Roger Wespe for organizing the event.

Despite the tough loss for Switzerland to Finland yesterday in the Ice Hockey World Championship, several Swiss Club members supported the team from Alexandria. Thanks so much to all who participated, and a special thanks to Richard Bottonari for organizing the event.

A special thanks to Gabriela Meier for organizing another successful Swiss Kids Corner event earlier this month, Mark McCarthy for organizing the happy hour, and Sara Ackermann for promoting the Vonarburg art webinar. If you attended any of these events, thanks so much for supporting our programming!

More exciting events are planned throughout the summer. A day trip to see artwork by Swiss artists is scheduled for June 6th. Watch parties for Switzerland's World Cup games will occur in June. See more information below about these events.

The much anticipated Swiss National Day celebration on Saturday August 1st. We are excited to announce that we are implementing composting services at the event this year to make our event more environmentally friendly. Don't forget to register early! As many of you know, there are many opportunities to volunteer for the Swiss National Day event. If you are interested, please email by June 30th at kevin.sprenger@swissclubdc.org with "2026 SND Volunteer" in the subject line. If you are selected as a volunteer, you will be notified by July 6th.

Herzliche Grüsse,

Kevin H. Sprenger

Sugarloaf Mountain Hike, May 30, 2026

We had a great turnout and a beautiful day. Thanks for all who joined us!



Trip to Colloquia Art Gallery in Woodstock, VA Saturday, June 6

The Swiss Club is organizing a day trip to Colloquia Art Gallery in Woodstock, Virginia, for Swiss artist [Zoe Baer's exhibition opening](#) on **Saturday, June 6 from 3-6pm**.

To see examples of Zoe's stunning oil and charcoal paintings, please visit her [webpage](#)

The Colloquia gallery is organizing an "Art Bus" that leaves Dupont Circle at 11am. The bus will stop at [Muse Vineyards](#) for lunch and bring people back by 6pm. You are welcome to drive to the gallery on your own, too.

The cost for the bus trip is \$30.00 per person, and does not include wine or lunch at the vineyard. Please register [here](#) for your spot on the bus! If you have any questions, please email sara.ackermann@swissclubdc.org for more information

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Switzerland in the FIFA 2026 World Cup

Switzerland plays Qatar on Saturday, June 13 @3pm ; Bosnia Herzegovina on June 18 @3pm ; Canada on June 24 @3pm.

Watch party details are still being finalized and will be posted on the Swiss Club's Facebook and Instagram Pages. Please keep an eye out on those platforms for more information

Another option is to join Stable DC for their watch parties. This is the information that comes up as a popup on their webpage!

"Cheer on the Swiss Team during the Soccer World Cup, we are open for the games! We are showing the Swiss Matches live and are serving a limited menu with Swiss Soccer favorites. IMPORTANT: This is a ticketed event and tickets are required for entry due to limited space. Tickets will go live on Tuesday June 2nd. Available through Resy"



Mini Swiss Club! Swiss Kids Corner: Please join us at The Yards Park on June 27

We invite you to meet up at the The Yards Park to play in the park and [splash in the wading pool!](#)

Saturday, June 27
2-5 pm
The Yards Park
355 Water Street, SE
Washington DC, 20003

(The exact location will be shared via the WhatsApp group). Families with kids of all ages are welcome! If interested, please email Gabi Meier gabriela.meier@swissclubdc.org to be added to the WhatsApp group for up to date information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date! Swiss National Day will be celebrated on Saturday, August 1 this year!

We are hard at work planning our 2026 Swiss National Day Celebration! The event will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at the Embassy of Switzerland.

Registration will open in our July postillion, so mark your calendars now to save the date.

We are excited to celebrate with you and look forward to your participation.

The following companies, organizations, and artists have agreed to sponsor the event and donate prizes for the tombola and the big raffle. Some of you will be lucky winners and all of you will have a great time at the celebration!

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Swiss Club Events for 2026

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| • DC Art Bus Trip | June 6 |
| • World Cup Watch Party | June 13, 18, 24 |
| • Mini Swiss Outing | June 27 |
| • Swiss National Day | August 1 |
| • Hike/Winery Visit | September |
| • Raclette Dinner | October |
| • General Assembly | October |
| • Grittibaenz and Samichlaus | December |

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We invite professionals and corporations to place your ad on the Swiss Club website by contacting [Melanie Way](#).

Your ad will also appear on the e-Postillion which is sent to our membership on a monthly basis. All we need from you is a business card sized image containing your website/email information; anyone clicking on it will be linked to your website.

2026 prices are as follows:
\$75.00 for dues paying members and \$100.00 for non-members.

Great exposure to the Swiss community for a small cost.



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Interested in Playing Jass?

Reach out to Will Roberts for more information!

will.roberts@swissclubdc.org

New to the game? No problem, join a Jass clinic to learn to play!



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