english club speaking of bern

Newsletter

January and February 2012

committee comments

First and foremost the committee wishes everyone a Happy New Year and all the best for 2012! For a full list of who's on the committee, see our website or drop by the club and meet us in person.

We had our first post-AGM Committee meeting and the three new members were all present. The newsletter is now written by Shawn with the formatting and design still being done by Nik. There is plenty to discuss "behind the scenes" for the club to run smoothly and the meeting was full of discussion and ideas. Stay tuned to this space for more information.

past events

AGM – 11 November: The Annual General Meeting was well attended and proceeded according to the published agenda. The minutes of the meeting are not yet finished but the two main points were:

- The finances were looked over, explained by Treasurer Manon, and approved.
- Former President and long-time committee member Corinne stepped down while Eva, Hubert and Shawn all volunteered to join committee (though Hubert might argue "volunteer" is not quite the correct word).

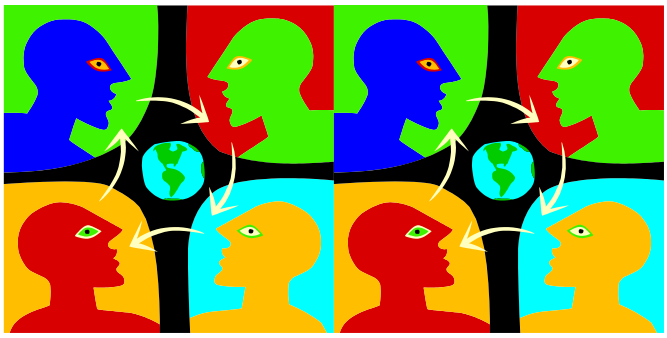
Christmas Party – 16 December: If you missed this evening then you missed a chance to have hot-spiced wine, cookies, cakes and other snacks. The presents under the Christmas tree plus other holiday décor made for a wonderful, homey atmosphere. It was a truly festive celebration.

calendar

January	
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 Jan - Cory	**6 Jan** - Frido
12 Jan - Sonja	**13 Jan** - Hubert & Eva
19 Jan - Shawn & Misha	**20 Jan** - Manon
26 Jan - Nik **Bar Talk**	**27 Jan** - Leon

February	
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Feb - Chris M.	**3 Feb** - Hilde **Speed Dating**
9 Feb - Frido	**10 Feb** - Chris M.
16 Feb - Eva	**17 Feb** - Hilde
23 Feb - Cory **Bar Talk**	**24 Feb** - Shawn

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday, February 7th



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upcoming events

January – much of the committee will either be away or busy so we are expecting a low-key week or so to start off 2012. It's that "hole" after the holidays when the bills start to come in and everyone plans to stay home. This year why don't you come to the Club for a game of pool or darts? Or bring a deck of UNO cards and get a game going? We can all sit around together and enjoy a few drinks without stretching our budgets.

Speedating from 20:00

Friday, 03 Februray

After the great success last year, Terhi has volunteered to organize this event again. Taking place on **February 3rd**, it will give people a chance to meet one another on a more personal basis. Members and guests are welcome; marital status is of secondary importance at this lighthearted and stimulating event. (Disclaimer: the club takes no responsibility for any consequences from this evening – especially hangovers.) Reserve your table via **mail@englishclub.ch**.

regular event

Bar Talk at the Club from 20:00 until 21:00

Thursday, 26 January & Thursday, 23 February

Bar Talk at the Club – for English learners looking to improve their conversational abilities: **January 26th** and **February 23rd** (both are Thursdays) from 8 to 9 p.m. This evening provides professional help with small talk and networking by providing language tips. For details and registration contact Graham Tritt at **G.Tritt@gmx.net.** Cost is 10 CHF per person. See also **www.tritt.bizland.com/swissenglish/BARTALK.HTM**.

non-escb-events

Ski Day – Schwarzsee

Sunday, 08 January

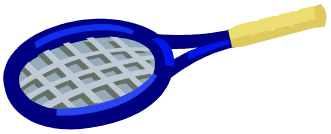
When: Meet at (a) between 12.00h and 13.00h or at (b) around 17.00h for a drink.

Where:

(a) Gypsera, restaurant near the ski lift, on or near the outdoor terrace tables.

(b) Hostellerie www.hostellerieamschwarzsee.ch at the side of the lake.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, 5 January.
Contact: Graham Tritt at **G.Tritt@gmx.net**
www.meetup.com/MeetUp-Bern/events/44938482
Walking, cross country skiing, skating and downhill skiing. There is also a small beginner's ski lift. Equipment rental and pool/sauna at (b). See **www.schwarzsee.ch**.



Sports Day – badminton, tennis and squash

Sunday, 15 January from 16.00h - 19.00h

Where: Tivoli sport center
Fischrainweg 55, 3048 Worblaufen
www.tivoliag.ch

Registration Deadline: Thursday 12 January
Contact: Graham Tritt at **G.Tritt@gmx.net** and please tell him which sports you would like to play or follow this link to open the poll:
www.doodle.com/s2vft8qii6zidgwe
We play doubles, costs are from CHF 5 to 10 per hour of play. Players at all levels are welcome. A sauna and solarium are also available. To reserve call Tivoli, 031 921 37 17.

Blast from the Past by Shawn

As a long-time member of the club, I look back on how things were and … laugh out loud! Do you have any funny stories and/or photos of happenings inside or outside of the Club premises that you'd like to share? Remember, "the past" is anything that happened before you just read this sentence! Let me know and I'll try to find a place for it in one of the upcoming newsletters.

Any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, let me know at **TailGate@harrier.ch.**