

Spring is in the air!

With temperatures supposedly warming up this weekend it could really herald "spring in the mountains" is on its way! The views down the valley seem greener by the day but before we look forward let's reflect a little on the season which will end with the Parsenn closing on the 21st April.

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The winter seems to have flown past in a flurry of some good regular snowfalls and a mixture of weather. The bad weather never seemed to last many days, unlike last winter, and they were always followed by a spate of good weather days. There were numerous spectacular and perfect "Big Blue" days with the best conditions possible both on and off piste – the last being on Easter Monday, when the whole village had a huge smile on its face!

The snow depth recorded on the Parsenn is 180 cm which is less than last winter, and the only significant avalanches were those set off by the dedicated Rettungsdienst to whom we owe a big thank you. This season, on Parsenn/Gotschna and Pischas the SOS dealt with 360 accidents (so far) which is way below the average number recorded over the past 10 years. The pisteurs have worked long hours through the night to ensure we have pristine pistes to ski on – some say, they are too good and therefore not challenging enough, but personally I love cruising on them admiring the surrounding scenery. Thank you to everyone who works on the mountains, and indeed in the village too where we have wonderful walking paths, and truly enjoyable cross-country tracks, which were kept open as long as possible and were always beautifully groomed.

Marden's Club Junior and Mini Training week ended last

Friday with a fantastic prize giving party downstairs in the theatre of the Hotel "Pardenn Piz Buin." What a perfect place to hold a party (next year we are staging a disco!) and nearly 200 people came to applaud the winners of the Spring Championships which were held in rather foggy conditions on the Dorfälti. Despite the poor visibility, about 115 members raced in different age categories for the distinguished Marden's silver cups, one of which was the Grisons Bowl which was first raced for in 1928 and was aptly won by our Race Captain James Palmer-Tomkinson. Thank you to Olivia Graf and the Davos Klosters Mountains team for the best race piste and faultless timing and organisation. Everyone agreed it was a highly successful week, and thank you to Jens Grossman and Bär and Sandy Haas for making our prize giving such a memorable event and also the sport shops, hotels, mountain restaurants, Swiss Ski & Snowboard school Saas and other individuals who contribute and give their support to this important training week.

I would also like to thank all the businesses who loyally support the club by advertising annually in the Review and who give our members such a warm welcome both in winter and summer. For those who do not know, next season Marden's Club will host the AICC (Amateur Inter Club Competition) – a race weekend

attended by all the old racing ski clubs such as Kandahar, DHO, Ladies Ski Club, Sci, SAS, SC18, AVSC, Eagle) from the 13th to 16th March 2014. This is a great honour for Marden's and the racing will include a GS race on the FIS piste on Madrisa and a Super-G and a parallel slalom on Pischas with a Welcome Reception / dinner and a Gala Dinner prize giving at the end of the weekend.

Looking forward to some summer events we have "Davos Sounds Good – Klosters too" Jazz festival from Tuesday 9th to Sunday 14th July. There are main bands from all over Europe playing in locations from Klosters to Wiesen and for further information go to their website www.jazzdavos.ch. The venues in Klosters include the Kulturschuppen, Restaurant "Höhwald", Hotels "Alpina", "Silvretta" and "Rustico", the Bergrestaurant "Gotschnagrät" and of course the famous street party in Klosters on Saturday afternoon till late!

There will also be a Jazztrain from Davos Platz to Bergün. If you enjoy a good jazz festival, then how about going to hear Steve Winwood who remains one of the most important and influential artists in all of popular music, play on 2nd July at the Volkshaus in Zurich or at the Lugano Jazz Festival on 4th July.

The dates for the European U18 Junior Tennis Championships is 22nd to 28th July (www.tennisklosters.ch) and the Seniors is from 4th to 11th August. Still on the subject of Tennis, the Tennis Club Klosters is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year! There will be lots of activities and the Club welcomes all English speaking guests too—details are and will be posted on the website www.tcklosters.com. There is also a regular weekly



On April 1st, three Klosters residents who are learning the martial art of taekwondo had the honor of meeting and training with world champion and former Korean champion, Master Jaeyong Jeon. (Pictured above, left to right: Pippa Knoflach, Master Jaeyong Jeon, Sacha Muller and Manuela Kradolfer.) Jeon, who lives in Australia, was invited by Taekwon-Do International Switzerland to a special week-long training session at the club headquarters in Davos. Also in attendance were 30 taekwondo competitors from Great Britain, including 15 with black belts.



Marden's Club prize giving took place in the perfect party venue in the Hotel "Pardenn Piz Buin".

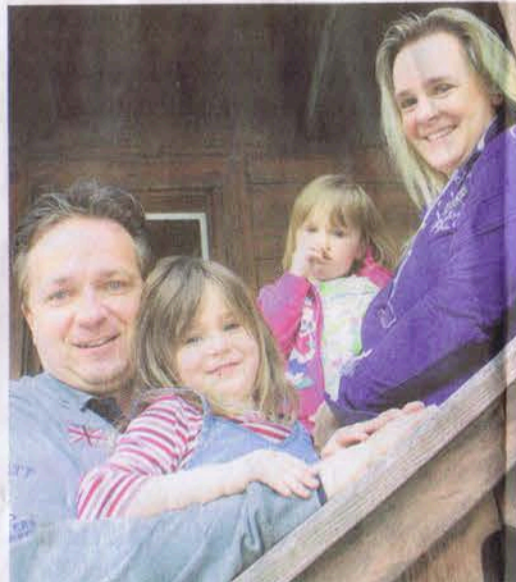
programme with "Good Morning Monday Tennis" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with coaching and having fun playing in a group and on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. there is "Tennis for Everyone" where you can play doubles/singles with members of the local tennis club and on the Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. there is "Beer o'clock Tennis" also playing doubles/singles with local members (www.a-t-a.ch). The dates for the Kid's Camp Klosters is from 8th July to 16th August and they

provide sport and adventure for children from 6 to 16 years—for further information go to www.kicklo.ch. Another very important event this summer and please put the date in your diary is the 2nd Kultournacht Klosters which starts at 5 p.m. and ends at midnight! For those who came to the first year in 2011 it was a really fabulous, well organised evening and so much fun with a huge variety of activities all staged on a well planned route round the centre of Klosters. There is something for every one of all ages and tastes, and I will write more on this nearer the time. The entrance to the whole event is a mere CHF 7.— which is taken as a token

contribution to the expenses of the event and in return you receive a leather identity bracelet made by the Handicraft School in Klosters. CHF 1.— of your entrance money goes to the new digital projector in the Kulturschuppen—I say give generously as you will have such a memorable evening enjoying and learning about all the local cultures of our wonderful village! To see the programme, route and further information go to the website www.kultournacht-klosters.ch. Finally, it is hoped to stage a new event this summer in the village—Klosters first Dog Show. A chance to show off your beloved pet in a variety of classes from "The dog that looks most like their owner" to "The most talented dog," agility courses and special demonstrations from some very talented dogs! More details will be published as soon as the date and venue is confirmed.



Martina Baeriswyl being presented with the Ancram Cup by Marden's Club Race Captain James Palmer-Tomkinson. This lovely cup was given to the Club by long standing Klosters guests Michael and Jane Ancram. Michael has recently been staying at the Hotel "Alpina" with his daughter Clare and a vivid memory of his first visit here was of sledging down on the main road from Laret (at night!) in the early 60's—not sure you could do that safely now! He took part in many Parliamentary races and won the first year he entered beating his main rival Arnold Koller. Michael is also an accomplished guitar player and a past tradition was to play and sing accompanied by his sister Mary on New Year's Eve in the "Wynegg".



Jörg and Anja Walter (photographed with their children Tabea and Suki) will certainly have their work cut out this summer with the news that they are taking over the Ski and Golf Hütte on Selfrange from 1st June. As well as running the Hotel "Rustico" with their popular restaurant, the Prättiger Hüschi (open at weekends for fondues in the summer) and "It's the Tapas Bar" they are now taking on this exciting new venture. The Hütte will open daily (in fine weather) from 11 a.m. and will focus on the good days on Grill and BBQ menus—perfect to complete your day on the golf course! Further information go to: www.skihuette-selfranga.ch



Steve Winwood enjoys his holidays in Klosters. Steve is playing 2nd July at the Volkshaus in Zurich and the Lugano Jazz Festival on the 4th July.



Hampi Hobi with Barbara Gujan at the 1st Kultournacht. Barbara is the initiator of this excellent event and works very hard to make it happen.

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