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SWISS NATIONAL DAY
held at
SUNSHINE FARM,
DRUMMOND
SUNDAY 29th JULY 2018

Once again, Mother Nature provided *the* most magnificent warm, sunny, cloudless day at Sunshine Farm. There was hardly a breath of wind and everyone was moving their tables to find shade.

The turnout this year was again, like last year, very good indeed – despite many Members being overseas who would normally have been celebrating this event. In total, the attendance was in the region of 45 Members, 13 Guests and 7 Children.

The superb venue of Sunshine Farm was greatly appreciated and Philippe thanked Peter & Felicity von Moss for opening up their home and grounds to the SCN. Felicity also provided a most beautiful salad and coleslaw dish, and what a lovely tray of 'home hatched' hard boiled eggs, baby tomatoes and olives! A little 'thank you' gift was presented to them on our behalf. Philippe also took the opportunity to thank *in absentia* Rolf & Doreen for organising the champagne, beer and their hard work, also to Fritz & Ruth for providing the speakers, music etc. Markus & Sepeta were also thanked for supplying and setting up the braai and organising the special sausages brought down from Johannesburg. Mention was also made of the secretarial duties carried out by moi!

Philippe then asked for silence and the recording of the speech by *Alain Berset, President of the Swiss Confederation* commenced. The only hiccup of the day

then pounced! During the speech the recording died on us, and although several willing Members tried to resurrect this, it was not possible. However, in true 'Presidential' manner Philippe read out the whole speech and also offered to let any Members have a copy of this should they desire it. If you do, please contact me and I will forward this request to Philippe.

Also, Philippe had 24 copies of the first verse of the National Anthem for distribution, and when these had been given out, the 'choirmaster' Eddie Schmidhauser took the reins and all the proud Swiss were in good voice!

The day continued in excellent spirits, thanked of course, by the champagne, beer and wine which Members also brought.

Lastly, we must thank the I.C.C. for the very large and tasty cake they provide to us every year.

Kindest regards to you all.

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