

HISTORY of the SWISS

In

SOUTHERN AFRICA

1652 – 1977

On our overseas trip to Switzerland we got hold of a booklet about the history of Swiss in Southern Africa.

The booklet was compiled by F. Ernst and K. Scheurer

It started at the period of the Dutch East India Co. (V.O.C.). Swiss immigrants at that time were either mercenaries, often in the service of the French and delegated to the V.O.C, or in direct service of the V.O.C. (Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie)

For a start I will publish the period from 1900 to 1977. Should there be any interest for earlier dates I am only pleased to publish more interesting information.

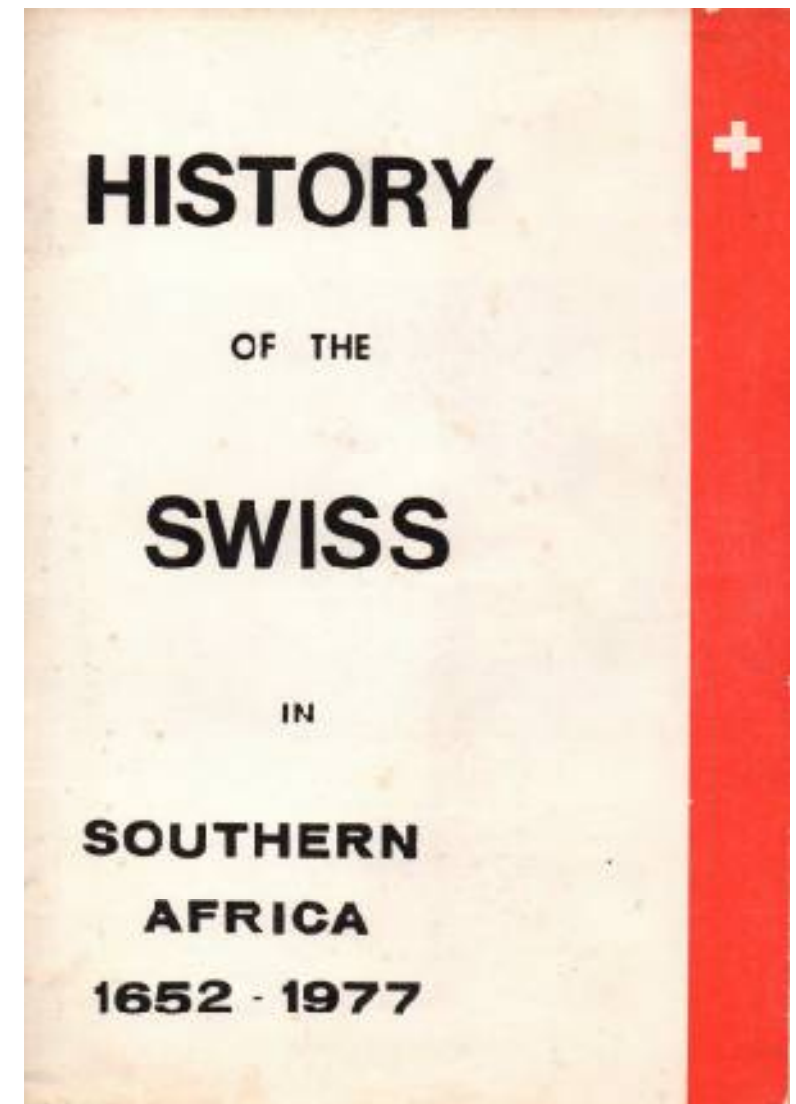
The way this information is to be read:

The left hand side are dates of Johannesburg

The right hand side same period of other areas including Durban.

It would be very much appreciated if any further information of a later period could be made available to enhance this interesting booklet

Enjoy the reading



JOHANNESBURG

1900 Leemann (Mrs) - Leaves Johannesburg with last train before its occupation and returns to Switzerland with children at time of Boer War. Is put up at school, Berg am Irchel / ZH.

OTHER CENTRES, MISSIONS AND DIPLOMATIC

1900 Makulane Mission Station established
 Swiss Red Cross Ambulance joins Boer War.
 Swiss Ambulance :
 Dr. de Montmollin - NE
 Dr. König - BE
 Dr. F.A. Suter - BS
 delegated by Swiss Red Cross to assist Boers - Left Switzerland 29.1.1900 - Arrived Delgoa Bay (Lourenco Marques) on board vessel "Kaiser" on 2.3.1900. Dr. de Montmollin and Dr. König delegated to Johannesburg hospital until captured by British - Returned to Lourenco Marques via Cape Town to rejoin Boers at Komatiepoort. By September 1900 however too late Dr. König returned whilst Dr. de Montmollin stayed in the interior of Mocambique with friends from Neuchatel until his return to Switzerland in January, 1901. Dr. Suter followed Boers with Ambulance during which time he met a number of Swiss:
 Mr. Duvoisin of Grandson / wool merchant in Belfast.
 Dr. A. Theiler , Mr. Kollmann (BS)
 Mr. T. Perrin / Director of ZAR Mint in Pretoria
 Mr. Otto Meyer (assistant to Dr. Theiler) who joined Dr. Suter's ambulance (Left Dr. Suter in April)
 Wachtmeister Mauchle - served since 1897 with the artillery of the ZAR
 Mr. M. Déplant - owner of Northwestern Hotel in Johannesburg
 Mr. Thoma (BS) - owner of brewery in Jhb.
 Mr. Ch. Favre - assistant of Dr. Theiler
 Mr. L. Favre (Brother of Ch. Favre) - owner of cooldrink factory in Pretoria After retirement (at 65) worked for Heinrich Freitag

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1900

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02

03 Mrs. Leemann returns from Europe with children after the Boer War. Leemann bought property in Bellevue East - Neighbour of Wedekind

Rickenbach - Hans; Swiss gardener in Parktown / Killarney

Bickel - Albert; Textile merchant arrives in Johannesburg (1857-1939). His son Arthur was manager of Fattis 1916/1960 after which he opened coin shop, now run by Richard, son of Arthur.

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05 Bieler-Lorétan - R.; came to S.A. from Leukerbad to start Star Beer Hall, Jeppestown. Returned to Switzerland in 1918

06 Hofmann - Henri; worked at Lever Bros. till 1931 - Died in 1941

Lorétan - Adèle; arrives - sister of C. Bieler-Lorétan

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1900 Swiss Ambulance Cont.:
A Swiss cook (NE) to Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig Holstein. Prince Victor died in Pretoria
Mr. Tobler, Mr. Schmidhauser, Mr. Hohl, Mr. Reimann, Mr. Feller, Mr. Bridler, met Dr. Suter in Lourenco Marques
Swiss manager of Portuguese Club in Lourenco Marques

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02 Matutuini Mission, Mocambique established

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04 Johannesburg Mission established

Moser - Herman; went to Rhodesia (Gwelo) until 1922

05 Kuruleni Mission established

Lourenco Marques Hospital

Dr. Borle went to Elim (1951 Mrs. Borle "Kokwana" back to Elim)

06 Lemana Missions Training Centre established

Rikatla Mission Training Centre in Mocambique established

Dr. Liengme leaves Elim

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- 1907 Bovet - Samuel; Missionary arrives in Johannesburg (In LM before 1900)
- 08
- 09 Lorétan - Fr.; arrives to work for ERPM in Benoni - moves to Sylverton Tannery in 1917
- 1910
- 11 Späth - L.; arrives from Switzerland where he studied priesthood. Gave up and married in S.A.; worked as secretary for New York Life Ass. Co., Jhb.
- 12
- 13 Crettaz - J.; arrives
Sonderregger - H.J.; arrives
Marchand - G.; (27.2.1892 - 22.8.1951)
arrives to work for Nicole (1893) - own business 1916
- 14 Faccio (Mrs) - arrives - later Continental Cafe, Plein Street.
Bisang - E.; arrives
Koenig - Hans; arrives - works in Randfontein
Diethelm - Charles; arrives
- 15 Bickel - A.; senior manager at Fattis

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- 1907 Evangelists Training Centre Rikatla Established
Brown Swiss cattle first imported
Schultheiss - R.; arrives - Windhoek Building Co., involved in building railway lines.
- 08 Chikumbane Mission and Hospital in Mocambique established
Abegg - E.; arrives in Mocambique
- 09 Swiss Club Alpina, Pretoria had social gatherings at Dr. Kleiner's
- 1910 Freitag - Heinrich George; arrives in S.A.
Gonin - Henri Louis; (see 1861) represents NG Kerk at world mission conference in Edinburgh
- 11 Lingeris Dr. - Max J.A.; takes over from Borle in Elim - previously worked as assistant to famous surgeon in Berne, Prof. Theodor Kocher (1906-1911)
- 12
- 13 Lorétan-Brunner (Mrs) - M.; arrives from Leukerbad together with two sisters, Ida and Anna Brunner
- 14 Linder - E.; arrives in Mocambique

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1916

17 Baumann Dr. - Oskar; architect - died in plane crash

18 Vogt - Fred; arrives to work for Fanny Farmers

Leemann - job at Fattis - Company Secretary was Sigg - Leemann becomes active in Swiss Club through Sigg

19 Gygax - F.; arrives in Johannesburg for Nelsrust Dairies, Braamfontein

1920 Faccio (Mrs); married

21 1st August celebrated at the home of Henri Hoffmann in Melville

Brossy Dr.- arrives

Speck - Fred; arrives to work for Mine

Tobler - from Lourenco Marques arrives in Johannesburg

Cuanillon - Willy and George; arrive for Nicole

22 A Mr. Biedermann working for a mining company in Johannesburg (??)

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1916 Gygax - F.; arrives in Durban for Nelsrust Dairies - In Natal were already Fischer, Dufour, Gêtaç, Jordi, Crosezet and Schwalb

Lutz - Chairman at Swiss Club Alpina, in Pretoria

Cape Town Consulate opened - Eigemann was Honorary Consul till 1922

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18 Freitag - Heinrich George becomes Chairman of Swiss Club Alpina in Pretoria

Pettavel Dr. - Paul; Honorary Consul in Johannesburg from 1925-1926 - Honorary Consul General to December, 1926

19 Tobler - leaves Lourenco Marques for Switzerland - Sells business to John Orrs

1920 Dr. Scheuber, Dr. Zschokke and 4 veterinary surgeons arrive to work for Dr. A. Theiler at Onderstepoort

21 Manjacaze Mission, Mocambique established

22 Moser - H.; returns from Rhodesia - establishes French Engineering in Johannesburg

Oechslin - G.; arrives in Bulawayo to start farming

Gerig - Walter; Honorary Consul in Lourenco Marques till 1925

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- 1923 Guggi (Miss) - Lea; arrives to work as nurse for Dr. Archer-Brown (brother-in-law) who has rooms in a house in Jeppe Street (today's Lister Building)
- 24 Berchtold - O.; arrives
- 25
- 26 Tobler - dies (54 years)
Ligneris Dr. - M.J.A.des; (see 1911) starts his own surgical practice
Benz - Erwin; with other Swiss arrive to work in hotel trade
- 27 Cuanillon (Mrs) - arrives - married in Johannesburg
Ligneris Dr. - M.J.A.des; joins S.A. Institute of Medical Research where he starts research into cancer growth.
Swiss Club Helvetia meetings held monthly at National Hotel or Criterion Hotel (?)

OTHER CENTRES, MISSIONS AND DIPLOMATIC

- 1923 Swiss Social and Sports Club, Cape Town established
Bothner - Charles; Honorary Consul in Cape Town till 1943
- 24 Freitag - Heinrich George; President of Swiss Club Alpina, Pretoria will 1936
Oechslin - G.; (see 1922) moves to Grootfontein and then to Tsumeb
Nanni Dr. - Jacob; Zoologist arrives - went to Messina, Pretoria, Bloemfontein and became first curator of the East London Aquarium 1931-1968
- 25 Lorétan - Fr.; starts Plumbing and Sanitary Engineering in Pretoria and becomes starting point for many Swiss immigrants to S.A.
Welti - Erich; Consul and Verweser in Lourenco Marques till 1925
26. Abegg - Emil; Verweser in Lourenco Marques till 1927
- 27 Walter Mittelholzer Flight arrives
Blaser Mr. & Mrs. - E.; arrive in Cape Town
Zchokke Dr. - A.H.M.; Veteranery Surgeon arrives in S.W.A. - died 1971
Masana Mission established
Diethelm - Charles; On 2nd April becomes Honorary Consul General in Johannesburg till 1952
Berchtold - O.; becomes secretary to Consul in Johannesburg and later Vice-Consul

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- 1928 Grasset Dr. - E.; (Born 1895 - Died 1957 in Geneva) arrives in S.A. - appointed by Sir Spencer Lister to expand Serum Department of S.A. Institute of Medical Research, Johannesburg for which he remained head of Department until 1945 when he was appointed Head of Institute of Hygiene, Geneva by Swiss Government.
- Bienz - Oscar; working for Rice & Diethelm
- 29 Sahli (Mrs) - M.; secretary of Swiss Club Helvetia
- 1930 Thalmann (Mrs) - E.; arrives
- Bisang - E.; moves to Randfontein Mines
Died 1962
- Meyer - F.; arrives - later President of Swiss Club Helvetia
- Kopp - Eddy; arrives to establish sawmill at Sabie, E/Tvl
- 1st August celebration held at residence of Mr. C. Diethelm
- 31
- 32 Sonderegger - H.J.; starts Reef Electrical & Gen. Engineering
- 33
- 34 Crettaz - J.; President of Swiss Club Helvetia (?) - Prof. at Technical College - dies by accident

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- 1928 Ruch - H.W.; arrives in Cape Town to work at Mount Nelson Hotel - goes to Walvis Bay in 1940
- Abegg - Emil; becomes Honorary Consul in Lourenco Marques till 1953
- 29 Eggel - O.; (who marries A. Lorétan) and Marty - V.; (son of Mrs. M. Lorétan) arrive in Pretoria
- 1930 Port Elizabeth - Mention of Henri Pfister, Karl Schuss and Locher
- Manica Teachers Training College established
- 31 Waldburger Dr. - E.; arrives in Natal and works for Hind Bros. to introduce, after years of research, "Pro Nutro" in 1962
- Droz - arrives in Natal
- Swiss Club Alpina in Pretoria was dormant till 1934 due to lack of premises
- 32 Rosset Dr. - J.A. goes to Elim with Rosset-Berdez - O.
- 33 Droz - E. & A.; arrive in Natal (Jewellery shop)
- 34 Swiss Club Alpina in Pretoria has AGM in German Club
- Minder - arrives in East London

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- 1934 Schärer - Theo; President of Swiss Club Helvetia
- Mauch - Hans; arrives from Brasil - Instrumental in collecting funds for new Swiss Club
- 35 Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Criterion Hotel
- Clubhouse started on Wynberg Property in December (subsequently restarted)
- Swiss Club Helvetia President: Theo Schärer - From 15th February Georges Marchand
- 36 Arrival of W. Gaenssler, E. Thalmann, Max Weder, A. Hinder, H. Binge K. Merz, Lude and v. Gunten and Just Bächler
- Botscheider - Robert; arrives - Died in aircrash in Frankfurt 22.3.1952 KLM
- Swiss Club Helvetia buys Wynberg Property with money received from the sale of the property in Empire Road
- 37 Swiss Club Helvetia President: G. Marchand
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Criterion Hotel
- Portmann - T.; arrives in Johannesburg and becomes caretaker of Swiss Club Helvetia
- Gnant and wife arrive from West Indies
- 38 Swiss Club Helvetia President: G. Marchand
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Langham Hotel

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- 1934
- 35 Welcome celebration for Prof. A. Theiler held in Pretoria
- President of Swiss Club Alpina in Pretoria was E. Lüscher
- 36 Lorétan - Fr.; takes part in parade to celebrate 50 years Johannesburg city
- Theiler Sir - Arnold; dies
- Niklaus - H.A.; arrives - Accountant in Cape Town and Johannesburg - moves to SWA in 1937 (1943 to Swakopmund)
- Sereem - C.; and Scherzer - N.; arrive in Natal to open Anglo-Swiss Confectionery
- Hirsch - Max; and Nägeli - P.; (later Chef in Edward Hotel) arrive in Natal
- Geiser - E.; arrives in Pietermaritzburg
- 37 The First National Day celebration was held on the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Zimmermann in Cato Ridge
- Swiss Club Alpina President: E. Lüscher
- 38 Swiss Club Alpina President: J. Ackermann
- The Last meeting of the Swiss Club Alpina in Pretoria before the dissolution of the German Club was held on the 21st March.

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- 1939 Building of Clubhouse starts (Kirchhofer, Gruetsch?)
Matthey -; arrives
Swiss Club Helvetia President: E.D. Baumann
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Lintons Hotel
- 1940 Benecke - ...; arrives from Egypt
Opening of first Johannesburg Skittling Alley
Swiss Club Helvetia President: F.W. Bertschinger
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Langham Hotel
- 41 Swiss Club Helvetia President: E.P. Hurschler
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Carlton Hotel
First Skittling championship for Cuanillon Floating Trophy - During these war years no spares could be obtained for the skittling alley and Mr. Liechti volunteered to have moulds made to satisfy the skittlers
- 42 Swiss Club Helvetia President : E.P. Hurschler
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance was held at Wynberg (proceeds were donated to S.A. Red Cross)
- 43 Swiss Club Helvetia President : E.P. Hurschler
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Carlton Hotel
- 44 Private shareholders waive claims against Rigi (Pty) Ltd.

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- 43 Portmann - T.; arrives in Port Elizabeth from Johannesburg (see 1937)
Buechi -; was Verweser in Cape Town till 1946

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- 1944 Due to lack of members to stand for the committee, two AGM's were held on the 27.1 and 24.2
- Swiss Club Helvetia President: Mr. Kirchhofer
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Carlton Hotel
- 45 Swiss Club Helvetia President : Mr. Kirchhofer
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at? (approx. 350 people)
- 46 Swiss Club Helvetia President: E. Walther
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Moon Hotel
- 47 Carlton Hotel staff arrives (Fisch, Wildi, Schaffner, Braendli)
- Swiss Gymnast Team visits S.A. (Balsiger/Guenthardt)
- Swissair flied to S.A. - Charter for BOAC until 1950
- Swiss Club Helvetia President : F. Meyer (elected by acclamation against Mr. Krebsler)
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Moon Hotel
- 48 Gymnast Club established (K. Herb, Oertli-Robertson (Mrs))
- Pulver - ...; Arrives for Carlton Hotel
- Swiss Club Helvetia President: F. Meyer - Retired due to ill health (12.11) and was succeeded by R. Benecke
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Carlton Hotel (??)

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46 Buechi - ...; Consul in Cape Town will 1950

47 Wunder - R.; arrives in Natal

48 Waldburger - F.; arrives in Natal
Shiluvane Mission Hospital established

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- 1949 Suchard factory established
Swiss Club Helvetia President: R. Benecke
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Sykline Hotel
Extraordinary General Meeting decides to sell Wynberg property due to industrialisation and buy in Bramley - Lack of funds however stopped the move
- 1950 Swiss Club Helvetia President: M. de Boor
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Skyline Hotel
Swiss Church Johannesburg formed - First minister : Rev. Buechler
- 51 Woodpecker Restaurant in Germiston opened
Swiss Club Helvetia President: R. Botscheider
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Wanderers Club
- 52 Telephone Technicians arrive in Johannesburg (Haldemann)
Swiss Club Helvetia President: R. Botscheider
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Wanderers Club
- 53 Swiss Male Choir Johannesburg established
Woodpecker Restaurant in Johannesburg opened

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- 1949 Swiss Social and Sports Club in Cape Town acquire Jonkershoek
Cape Town Rifle Club established
Foundation of Swiss Club committee in Durban
After a 10 year break, the 1st August was once again celebrated in Pretoria
Swiss Club Alpina, Pretoria President: J. Kaufmann - 21.9 new committee and subsequent new start
Elim Eye Hospital under Dr. O. Rosset-Berdez opened
- 1950 Swiss Club Alpina President: J. Kaufmann
Naville - Gabriel; Consul in Cape Town till 1958
- 51 Theiler Dr. Med. - Max; receives Nobel Prize in USA
Swiss Club Alpina President: J. Kaufmann
Jean de Rham Geschaefststraef 25.2.1955-56 Minister
Rist - O.; in Pretoria from 1951-1955
- 52 Salisbury tried to form Club - Club established in August - President: G. Luginbühl - Club discontinued early 1954
Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter
Johannesburg fulltime Consulate - O. Bertschold was Consul in 1959 and became subsequently General Consul until 1969
- 53 Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter

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- 1953 Swiss Club Helvetia President: W. Peter
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Wanderers Club
- 54 Eidg. Schuetzenfest, 2nd World Postal-Radio Shooting Competition (Schwarzenburg) - Johannesburg takes part
Swiss Club Helvetia President: M. Weber
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Langham Hotel
- 55 Witwatersrand University Festival
Swiss Rifle Club established 18.1.1955
Telephone Technicians arrive (J. Widmer)
Swiss Club Helvetia President: W. Gaenssler
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Wanderers Club
- 56 Rifle Club Johannesburg establishes Inter-city Cup Jhb-CT-Dbn (Schmutz/Wunder)
Swiss Rifle Club shooting first takes place at Leeuwkop, then Diepkloof, then Struben Valley and in 1963 beyond v. Wyk's Rust (Johannesburg Wes-Kommando)
Swiss Club Helvetia President: W. Gaenssler
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Wanderers Club
- 57 First International Soccer Tournament - (Swiss take part from 1966??)
Swimming Pool opened at Wynberg
Swiss Club Helvetia President: W. Zehnder
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Wanderers Club

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- 1953 Mayor - Charles; Vice Consul and Verweser in Lourence Marques till 1957
- 54 Natal Rifle Club Established
Natal Swiss Club President: P. Wunder (1954/57)
Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter Wyler - Albert; Consul in Salisbury till 1960
- 55 Ege - E.; arrives in Natal
Troxler - P.; arrives in Pretoria
Mission in Welkom established
Masana Mission Hospital established
- 56 Swiss Club Alpina President: P. Troxler
Donation of piece of ground in Pretoria to build Clubhouse
Kappeler - Franz; Minister in Pretoria from 1960 and Ambassador from 9.11.1960 till 1963
- 57 Salisbury Swiss Club established with President G. Luginbühl
Swiss Club Alpina President: P. Troxler
Jaccot - Paul; Verweser, ad interim, in Lourenco Marques till 1958
Scherzer - W.; Consular agent in Durban till 1963

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- 1958 Swiss Male Choir - first public concert held at the Hillbrow Club
Bovet - Arnold; Headmaster at King Edward School, Johannesburg from 1958 to 1963
Rifle Clubs take part in Eidg. in Biel/Switzerland
Swiss Club Helvetia President: A. Valko
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Cranbrooke Hotel
- 59 Swiss Club Helvetia Tennis Club first ITT Tennis Tournament
Swiss Club Helvetia President: P.G. Stein
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Cranbrooke Hotel
- 1960 Tobler - (Mrs); 80th birthday - Swiss Male Choir sings
Suchard factory discontinued
Swiss Club Helvetia President: Dr. P.G. Stein
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Cranbrooke Hotel
On 2nd January the first meeting of the CCSSA (Co-ordinating Council of the Swiss Societies of South Africa) was held in Johannesburg to lay out draft constitution. First Chairman: A. Valko
On 19th January the Swiss Society Helvetia ratified umbrella body at AGM
Swiss Society Helvetia is offered new Club site at Bryanston by Anglo-American
On the 17th April the Sociedade Suica de Beneficencia de Mocambique ratifies draft constitution of CCSSA

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- 1958 Swiss Rifle Club Natal President: F. Hofer
Swiss Club Alpina President: P. Troxler
Dinkelmann - Willy; Consul in Cape Town until 1964
Gsell - Alfred; Consul in Lourenco Marques until 1964
- 59 Swiss Club Natal President: E. Vogel
1959/1962
Swiss Club Alpina President: P. Troxler
Shooting competition Johannesburg / Pretoria against Hinwil / Switzerland
- 1960 Swiss Club President in Salisbury: J. Blattner
Swiss Club Alpina President: P. Troxler
Swiss Soccer Club in Cape Town established
Swiss Legation in Pretoria changes to Swiss Embassy on 9.11.1960
Haeberlin - Theodor; Consul in Lourenco Marques until 1964
Knuesi - Jacques; Consul in Salisbury until 1970

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- 1960 Swiss Rifle Club: Challenge Gen. Guisan initiated
- Swiss Rifle Club separates from Swiss Society Helvetia
- 61 Swiss Society Helvetia President: J.F. Erni
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Langham Hotel
- 62 Swiss Society Helvetia President: J.F. Erni
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Wanderers Club
- 63 Swiss Rifle Club moved to Struben Valley, Krugersdorp - Eidg. Schützenfest held in Zürich
- Swiss Society Helvetia President: F.J. Ruckstuhl
- Swiss Club Annual Dinner Dance held at the Wanderers Club
- 64 Tobler - (Mrs); dies at 84 years of age
- Swiss Society Helvetia President: F.J. Ruckstuhl
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Capri Hotel
- 65 Swiss Society Helvetia President: C.R. Zehnder

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- 1960
- 61 Swiss Club Salisbury President: J.G. Raeber
- Berner arrives in Salisbury from Congo
- Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter
- Swiss Club Cape Town President: Mr. Otter
- 62 Swiss Club Salisbury President: W.O. Jucker
- Swiss Club Salidsbury Secretary: O.T. Berner
- Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter
- 63 Swiss Club Natal President: P. Wunder
- Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter
- Bruegge - P.F.; Ambassador in Pretoria till 1965
- In Salisbury W.O. Jucker took part in the 5th Radio World Shooting Competition, shooting a small bore. He came 1st and his group also came 1st.
- 64 Meier - Max; Consul in Cape Town till 1971
- Etter - Jakob; Consul in Lourenco Marques until 1968
- Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter
- Swiss Club Natal President: R. Ehrmann 1964/65
- Swiss Club Salisbury visited Risco Steel works on 9th May and Sinoia Caves on the 11th October
- 65 Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter

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1965 Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at
the Wanderers Club

66 Golf Club competes for Schmieder-Sweden
Cup

Swiss Bears Ice Hockey

Swiss Soccer Club - first International
Tournament

Swiss Society Helvetia President: C.R.
Zehnder

Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at
the Wanderers Club

67 Robin Inn Restaurant opened

Swiss Society Helvetia President: C.R.
Zehnder

Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at
the Wanderers Club

68 Swiss Reformed Church dissolved

Swissair Service, Zürich - Johannesburg
started

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1965 A farewell party was held for Ambassador
Bruegger at the Boulevard Hotel, Pretoria

Cancellation of Pretoria Club building
since donation of property had to be re-
versed

Swiss Club Salisbury President: K. Schwalm

Hunziker - Roy; Ambassador in Pretoria from
21.12.65 to 1971

Jacques Dr. - P.H.; takes over at Elim
from Dr. Rosset

66 Seiler - E.; becomes Honorary member at
the Swiss Club in Salisbury on 23.7.66

Jumbo Gold Mines

Swiss Club Natal President: R. Lindegger

Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter

67 Swiss Club Port Elizabeth established

1st August Schwingen started at Natal
Swiss Club

Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter

Swiss Club Salisbury visits Mangula Copper
Mine on 12th September

Swiss Club Alpina Restaurant participates
at Pretoria Show in 1967/68

Droz - E.; Consular Agent in Durban

68 Swiss Club Salisbury arranges car rally to
Ewanrigg Aloe Gardens

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- 1968 Swiss Society Helvetia President: M. Weder
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the White Horse Inn
Carletonville Mission Station established
- 69 Swiss Rifle Clubs take part in the Eidg. Schützenfest in Thun / Switzerland
Swiss Society Helvetia President: R.E. Baudet
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Cranbrooke Hotel
- 1970 Swiss Society Helvetia President: R.E. Baudet
Annual Dinner Dance of Swiss Club held ??

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- 1968 Swiss Club Durban President: F. Moser from 1968 to 1971
Natal first Oktoberfest in Pietermaritzburg
Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter
Swiss Male Choir, Johannesburg, participates at 1st August celebrations in Pretoria
Bertrand - Jean Pierre; Consul in Lourenco Marques until 1970
- 69 Windhoek Swiss Club established
Swiss Club Salisbury President: A.E. Méroz
On 26th April, Swiss Club Salisbury visits Gwebi Agricultural College
Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Kaufmann
Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Culemborg Hotel in Pretoria
Mayor - Charles; Consul General in Johannesburg until 1973
- 1970 Swiss Male Choir, Johannesburg, visits Amanzimtoti
Swiss Club Salisbury President: W.O. Jucker
Swiss Club Salisbury visits Sipolilo Tengenenge African Art School
Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Kaufmann
Brunner - Gustav; Verweser in Salisbury until 31st March, when direct Swiss representation ceased.
Brunner - Gustav; Verweser in Lourenco Marques
Rickenbacher - Alex; Consul in Cape Town until 1972

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- 1971 Swiss Society Helvetia moves to Halfway House
 First Schwingen organised at Halfway House
 Hugi - Beat; organises first Hornussen
 First Swiss Club bulletin appears in June
 Beauty Competition combined with the opening of the new Swimming Pool at Halfway House in November
 Swiss Riding Club and Swiss Chess Club founded
 1st August celebration held at Halfway House
 Swiss Society Helvetia President: E.B. Fries
 Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Holiday Inn - Airport
- 72 Hugi - Beat; wins first Jassmeisterschaft
 Swiss Society Helvetia adopts new constitution on 22nd February
 Swiss Society Helvetia President: E.B. Fries
 Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the President Hotel

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- 1971 Swiss Club Salisbury visits Fort Martin and Kraal Mashayamombes on 13th June
 Natal Swiss Club imports Swiss automatic Rifles (Sturmgewehr) from Switzerland
 Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Kaufmann
 Swiss Club Alpina organises car rally in Pretoria
 Curchod - Theodore; Ambassador in Pretoria on 18th January
 Chanley - Louis; Consul in Lourenco Marques until 1975
- 72 Theiler - Max; dies in U.S.A.
 Swiss Club Alpina President: R. Ritter
 Swiss Society Helvetia offers one year free membership to Pretoria members due to formers move to Halfway House
 Swiss Club Natal is visited by the Johannesburg Rifle Club
 Swiss Club Natal President: E. Ege (1972 to 19..)
 Swiss Club Cape Town is visited by Johannesburg Swiss Male Choir
 Swiss Club Salisbury opens Club House Cranborne on 7th October
 Swiss Club Salisbury visit Driefontein Mission on 25th June

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- 73 Swiss Society Helvetia's new Clubhouse at Halfway House was officially opened on 10th March by Minister Piet Koornhof
- 1st GSNA Aelplerfest and 20 years Swiss Male Choir celebrated on 1st November
- Guggemusig, Section Romande and Pro-Ticino-Grischun formed as sub-sections of Swiss Society Helvetia
- Swiss Tennis Club becomes Club of Society Aeschimann - Jean; dies at 83 years of age
- Swiss Society Helvetia President: E.B. Fries
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Wanderers Club
- 74 Swiss Male Choir has first concert at the Carlton Hotel
- First GSNA Lottomatch in September
- Swiss Society Helvetia organises first Sports Festival
- Skittling Alley at Swiss Club, Halfway House, officially opened in October
- Swiss Society Helvetia President: F. Nünlist
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Tollmann Aripport Hotel
- 75 Swiss Male Choir goes to Eidg. Jodlerfest in Aarau / Switzerland in June
- Swiss Society Helvetia President: F. Nünlist
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at Holiday Inn, Milner Park

- 1972 Isaak - Hans; Consul in Cape Town until 1977
- 73 Swiss Club Salisbury visits Inyati Copper Mines on 17th June
- Swiss Club Alpina President: M. Diethelm
- Swiss Club Alpina celebrates 75th birthday
- Swiss Club Cape Town makes soccerfield and kiosk at Greenpoint
- Werdmüller Brigadier - G.; dies 17.12.1973
- Rist - Othmar; Consul General in Johannesburg
- 74 1st Swiss Festival celebrated in Pietermaritzburg in February
- Swiss Rifle Club in Natal renamed to Swiss Club Natal
- Swiss Club Alpina President: M. Diethelm
- Swiss Club Cape Town organises first Schwingen in Cape Town in November
- Swiss Club Salisbury visits Botanical Gardens on 19th May where T. Müller is curator
- Droz - E.; resigns as Consular representative in Natal
- 75 Swiss Club in South West Africa establishes Rifle section
- Swiss Club Cape Town opens Club House in Greenpoint
- Swiss Club Alpina President: A. Arnold

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- 76 Swiss Male Choir visits Gaberones Holiday Inn in Botswana
- GSNA goes to Eidg. Hornusserfest in Utzendorf
- Swiss Skittling Club established
- Swiss Society Helvetia President: F. Ernst
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Holiday Inn in Milner Park
- 77 Swiss Society Helvetia President: F. Ernst
- Annual Swiss Club Dinner Dance held at the Holiday Inn in Milner Park

- 1975 Swiss Club Salisbury organises first Jassmeisterschaft
- Swiss Club Salisbury has Chaefer Fest on 11th April
- Swiss Club Salisbury visits the University on 1st June
- Stoeckli - Bruno; Consul in Lourenco Marques until 1976 (Maputo)
- 76 Swiss Club Salisbury President: J. Bachmann
- Boccia alley opened in Salisbury
- Stoeri - dies in Salisbury in June
- Swiss Club Salisbury gets children's playground in August
- Swiss Club Salisbury visits Kariba for two days
- Swiss Club Salisbury organises Bergchilbi-Schwingen in October
- Swiss Club Alpina President: H. Schaub
- Swiss Consulate in Lourenco Marques closed
- 77 Swiss Club Alpina President: H. Schaub
- Swiss Club Alpina organises 1st Schwingen on 1st August
- Swiss Club Alpina still without Club building
- Swiss Club Cape Town is granted Liquor Licence on 16th July
- Swiss Club Cape Town celebrates 50 years Mittelholzer Jubilee flight
- Altenburger - Walter; Consul in Cape Town
- Pinchaud - Claude Louis; becomes Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy in Maputo