



SWISS CLUB JHB NEWS LETTER

Dear Members and Friends

With all the continued changes in Covid lockdown regulations one feels to somewhat lose a sense of time and tends to take things rather on a day-to-day basis? This, as well as the hospitality industry's harsh restrictions imposed and basically eliminating gatherings is the reason why we have not been communicating more regularly since February. However, now being down to level 2 lockdown, there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully the anticipated 4th wave will not materialise, or at least not to the extent that the 3rd wave has affected us.

To this end we are now cautiously optimistic and we anticipate scheduling an extended 2019 & 2020 FY AGM, which, if it can take place, will be on a Saturday afternoon tentatively late October – beginning of November. This is planned to be able to have this important meeting in a well ventilated open area and to accommodate people who cannot travel at night and of course considering possible curfew regulations. And as a token of appreciation for your support, the Club will provide a Lunch preceding the meeting.

Now please bear in mind that you need to be a fully paid-up Member with voting rights to be able to participate at an AGM, and despite the challenging and difficult financial times many of us are dealing with, we would like to ask those of you who haven't yet paid the 2021 fees to still consider making the payment if at all possible, because we are very hopeful that we will be able to pull off this Year's Christmas Lunch, where you need to be a fully paid up Member to benefit from the ½ price offer for a traditionally very popular and fantastic culinary treat.

As mentioned in the February newsletter, our Clubs of Society and the Choir all have been and sadly still are in the same situation of being unable to practice their respective pastimes, although the Choir Members seem to be keeping their bond by meeting for a weekly dinner and drinks when possible, to try and keep their vocals trained! While the Skittling Club Members fortunately still have not lost their enthusiasm and have indicated that they are definitely eager to get going again and even had some "new blood" indicating interest in being part of this Subsection, the Boccia / Pro Ticino Club is also doing whatever they can under the circumstances.

In closing we would like to thank all of you again for supporting our Club to the best of your abilities and remember that the Swiss Club Johannesburg was founded in 1890 – only 4 years after Johannesburg; and it has survived in all these 131 years despite having gone through many more challenging times than what we are experiencing for the past 18 or so months – so this setback is also not going to defeat our Swiss perseverance and dedication!

Because the above mentioned 2 anticipated events are still based on the ongoing Covid situation, we will keep you informed by e-mail communications as soon as we are able to make a final decision, so please bear in mind that the relevant notices may be on rather short notice.

Your Committee