



GRINDELWALD

CLUB DER EHRENGÄSTE

Club Newsletter Winter 2014/ 2015

Dear Club Members

With winter fast approaching, it's time to bring you up to date on past events, current news and upcoming highlights in the 2014/2015 winter season.

2014 Spring Event

Our members came together at the Bärplatz in Grindelwald on Saturday 14 June. We boarded a Grindelwald Bus in good cheer and headed to Sundlauenen to visit the Beatus Caves, where we took a guided tour to explore the cave system, its history and that of Beatus, the saint who is said to have lived there. Entering this unique and largely unknown subterranean world with its impressive stalagmites and stalactites in varying shapes and sizes was a fascinating experience. After



walking 826 metres through the interior of the caves, we re-emerged to enjoy an aperitif. Back in Grindelwald, it was time to enjoy a delicious four-course meal at the Sunstar Hotel and spend time together, chat and look back on a successful outing.

2014 Autumn Event

The autumn event on 27 September led the guests of honour to the Grosse Scheidegg. The weather was lovely, and most participants hiked to Schwarzwaldalp, with the rest taking the bus. At Schwarzwaldalp, we paid a visit to the "Historische Säge", a historic sawmill.

Our three guides gave us fascinating insights into the inner workings of the sawmill, including the production chain from the water intake to the finished product, the sawn tree trunk – an extraordinary process and 19th century technique that still works today.



After the tour, we enjoyed an aperitif with braided loaf and planed cheese.

We then travelled back to Grindelwald, where we received a warm welcome from the friendly team at the Kreuz & Post Restaurant and were served a delicious and generous evening meal. After dessert and coffee on the house, we spent the rest of the evening chatting and enjoying the convivial company.



Committee changes

After three years' tenure as president of the Grindelwald Guests of Honour Club, I am handing over the reins to the current vice-president Werner Mangold at the beginning of next year.

I have fond memories of the warm send-off you gave me at the 2014 autumn event, and hope that you will support the new president Werner Mangold. I look forward to him greeting you at an event in the coming year.

We also warmly welcome Peter Fahrni as a new committee member. He is responsible for our website management, newsletter design and invitations.



The committee from January 2015

Peter Eggli, Regina Burgener (Administration), Werner Mangold, Marianne Schlunegger, Peter Fahrni, Bruno Hauswirth

The committee of the Grindelwald Guests of Honour Club would like to thank you all for your loyalty to our club and wish you and your families a pleasant festive season and all the best for 2015.

I personally wish you all the best for the future!

For the committee:
Therese Fahrni-Baumberger
President



New

V Project overcomes another obstacle

1476 of the 2570 eligible voters in Grindelwald attended the extraordinary communal meeting, which took place at the Sports Centre on 24 October 2014.

The electorate agreed to the V Project – a 400 million-franc cableway construction project – in a secret ballot with 1046 votes for and 419 votes against. This will most likely prompt new negotiations with the Wärgistal Alp Association, the entity owning the land on which the project is planned. 62 percent of its members voted in favour of the V Project, narrowly missing the two-third majority needed.

We supported the following institutions in 2014:

- ◆ 16th International LandArt Festival Grindelwald
- ◆ Heimatvereinigung Museum (Grindelwald Heritage Museum) Grindelwald

In addition to the above, the old, demolished Guests of Honour bench at the Gummi Hut between First and Bachalpsee was replaced.



Eiger+ nearing completion

The new Eiger+ village centre is due to open on 18 December. Construction noise can still be heard on the building site as the finishing touches are put into place. Eiger+ will relocate parking spaces from above ground to underground, where 250 new spaces will become available. Even before its completion, the project has succeeded in drawing even more views of Grindelwald's panoramic splendour into the heart of the village. Eiger+ does not in any way detract from the surrounding Alpine scenery and its appearance sits well within the village architecture and setting.



Outdoor ice rink on the new event area

From 18 December, Grindelwald is getting an additional outdoor sports facility in the shape of an ice rink on the new event area in front of the Sports Centre. The rink will be open every afternoon and several evenings per week for skating fun in front of a stunning scenic backdrop.

Snowpark and two new ski lifts on the Schilthorn

The snowpark at the Gimmeln ski lift has two lines with beginner and advanced difficulty levels, making it the place to be for freeskiers and snowboarders. The 007 Bond Section boasts 007-inspired obstacles to ensure that every ride has that special On Her Majesty's Secret Service feel.

The Gimmeln lift has been replaced by a new tow lift and the Allmendhubel button lift has also been replaced in time for the new winter season.

Extended validity for the season sports pass

Travel from Interlaken West to Grindelwald is now included in the season ski pass' scope of validity. Validity therefore extends to non-winter sports-related journeys.

For a CHF 100.00 surcharge for one season, your sports pass entitles you to unlimited personal day passes in our partner ski region Adelboden-Lenk.



Still on the hunt for a Christmas gift?

Premium Calendar Grindelwald 2015 with 12 wildlife and landscape images by Grindelwald photographer Speedy Füllemann. All images have an elegant, high-gloss finish.

Size 40 x 31 cm

CHF 25.–



Exclusive new publication:

The Views from Mountain Guides of Grindelwald

This contemporary document features fascinating insights into mountain guiding, strong character portraits of 50 Grindelwald guides and images of their favourite views. The book also contains information on the history of mountain guiding in Grindelwald.

110 pages, hardback. Available in German and English.

CHF 39.00

Both items can be purchased at the Grindelwald Tourism Information Centre or online at www.eigernesswebshop.ch

2015 Preview



Spring Event
13th June 2015



Autumn Event
26th September 2015

Please put these dates in your diary!

Event-Highlights Winter 2014/15

January

- 16 - 18 85th International Lauberhorn Races, Wengen
- 19 - 24 33rd World Snow Festival, Grindelwald
- 21 - 24 71st International Inferno Races, Mürren
- 24 Los Perros Volantes Snowboard & Freeski Contest, First
- 31 Company Ski Championship, First

February

- 01 Velogemel World Championship, Bussalp
- 22 Faulhorn Classic Toboggan Race
- 28 18th "Horischlitten" sled race, Alpiglen

March

- 06 - 08 Whitestyle Open, Mürren
- 07 King of the First Hill, First

April

- 04 "I'm a treasure – get me out of here!"
Treasure hunt in the First area
- 11 18th SnowpenAir, Kleine Scheidegg
- 15 - 19 Swiss Snow Happening, Kleine Scheidegg

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