

Annual report 2024 of the BC- Quodlibet

Good afternoon everyone

Another year has passed and so much has happened.

a lot has happened, I will tell you about in the annual report.

For us, the planning and development of new and exciting

projects start as soon as the AGM is over. It is our goal

to organize bridge events where everyone can be present

can attend, but where there is also time to cultivate friendships.

We have plenty of plans and dreams, we did never lack ideas, there are many, but they have to be realizable.

In June, we complied with the wishes of many members,

to go on an all-day trip. The trip went to the beautiful Emmental to the Hotel Appenberg in Zäziwil,

Zäziwil was named the village of Switzerland in 2023 for its beauty.

With the bus of the soccer ladies' team bus through the Mittelland. As soon as we saw meadows with the most beautiful alpine flora to the left and right, we know that we are now in the heart of Switzerland.

Of course, the Emmental farmhouses, which are masterpieces of carpentry are also admired. We have chosen this place because Zäziwil is away from the big and noisy tourism.

Here you can still find peace and quiet. Our hotel restaurant, where after the bus ride, first we enjoy a coffee before the first part of the tournament begins.

The hotel is embedded in a melancholic-looking hilly landscape: in fact, you encounter a piece of cultural heritage of the past.

BTW: when Zäziwil won the national competition for the competition for the most beautiful village in Switzerland, this was was mainly because this village manages to combine tradition, cultural heritage

and a sense of community. Zäziwil is famous because of the BRAECHETE: the custom of turning

the flax being processed into linen.

After a delicious meal, we finished the tournament, then enjoyed the sumptuous meringue

with even more sumptuous nidle and ice cream and a cherry water. Then back towards Basel in the ladies' football bus ...

In 2024 and to this day, eleven new members have joined the club. The new members often came from groups of our members who introduce the game of bridge.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention some of them who offer and organize further training courses for interested parties and supervise games.

In this way, these people get to know our club, and they also sense the atmosphere in which the game is cultivated.

Thanks to Ruth Zumsteg, Fränzi Grüninger, Margareta Zinsli, Janet Ramp and Wendy Olum.

Applause. This is a successful team culture in which

clarity, efficiency, attitude, trust and responsibility are

are enormously important. Only when all team members feel safe

to share their ideas and actively contribute to solutions,

The full potential of the team can be realized.

We would now like to extend a warm welcome and hope that you

feel at home with us and contribute to a harmonious

harmonious club life:

Jolanda Bucher

Gisela von Büren

Maarten Koning

Susan Breault

Laura Bechet

Ursula Maurer

Barbara Engel

Christina Van't Dack and Jozef Van't Dack

Emerita and Martin Pletscher

Unfortunately, we also had to say goodbye to some longtime

members: our unforgettable Trudi Sangalli, but also Lisbeth von Orelli, who celebrated her 90th birthday last year, as well as Barbara Schoop, who gave

years of valuable service to the Board.
What connects people and what connects us in the Club?

SET stands for: Play, eat and drink. Susanne Schütz spoiled us with a delicious cheese aperitif and so did Charlotte Müller on the occasion of her odd birthday.

There's always a lot going on at the club in fall. What you also notice when you read this annual report is that there are always changes ... Changes seem to be something very constant. For a significant change, we have to be prepared to jump into the unknown.

So for years, at two-year intervals we carried out the Bridgedrive. The fact that the restaurants have more turnover than sales, meant that we were unable to rent any restaurants. A change of perspective was needed: After a pause for thought, we launched the 1. Friendship Tournament. Ten full tables and bridge players from six clubs. The day was warm like summer, the food at the Rössli in Allschwil was varied and very tasty. The singing by Ruth Bilkenroth with her phantastically trained voice was also well received.

The fact that people always make themselves available with their talents to bring joy to other people is something to be worthy of thanks.

Late in the evening, Béa, Fränzi and I were still sitting at the table, reviewing the day over a glass of Italian red wine

We call it the 18.18 Grüppli, maybe some already know it, others don't. Most of those who prepare the F10 room

are already there at 18.18pm, first all the tables are set up, and so on... in other words: work is done, then we sit together and eat our little snack, the sushi or the Boskoop. As colorful as the snacks are, so are the topics that are dealt with there...

During the Covid pandemic, we've organized BBO tournaments three times a week, which were very popular and were actively participated in. The advantage over our tournaments in the Club live, is, that we offered a team tournament on BBO with the IMP scoring. The suggestion came in June and since July we have been running this tournament at least once a month, always full. Usually a joker is also available.

In the hope that we would do better as a league team, we spent three days in Bad Ramsach to practice.

As indicated, the results are not very noteworthy, a lot of necessary improvements. It was nevertheless instructive and many hands were inspected from different points of view, before and after dinner.

The "Blattbewertung" training course with Jurek (German champion) was exactly what we needed after our league defeat. The whole club was invited to the event and it was attended by 24 people.

I would now like to make a **request**:
I would be delighted if the best players in our club, the ones who always win the tournaments, to play with a weak player at least two or three times a year.

... You need to simply take a close look at who you would like to promote...

To **summarize**, I think that in our club we have tournaments with lots of guests, that we offer high-quality, i.e. highly appreciated events events that are also attended by foreigners

(marathon, BBO tournaments, friendship tournaments, weekends) ...

But all of this is only possible thanks to the many people who volunteer their time and want everything we do to succeed:

Thanks go to the auditors Heidi Wild and Susanne Schütz, but also to those who are responsible for the

for the technical service. I would especially like to thank Janet Ramp

for organizing the much appreciated individual tournaments for us.

(after all, we have noticed that this type of tournament

regularly has six to eight full tables).

Finally, I would like to express my greatest praise to the board

who, with a great deal of commitment, make so many successful

hours: Béa Kim, Fränzi Grüninger, Vreni Burgy and Heidi Mondet.

Not only praise, but above all a heartfelt

thank you to everyone, everyone I have not
mentioned by name
but who secretly contribute a lot to the good
atmosphere in the club.

Susanne Lüthy March 2025