

REGIONAL NEWS

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Editorial

Dear readers,

I was lucky enough to attend Roger Federer's Match in Africa in Cape Town in February as the media representative of Swiss Review. The match itself was a spectacle, for sure. However, it was the events before the big show that were even more moving to me. When Roger and Rafael Nadal played games with local kids to improve their motor skills, both of them showed a very personal side of themselves, giggling away with dozens of little kids. I also had the opportunity to chat to Roger during the warm-up session and was impressed how present, sincere and authentic he was. It was an unforgettable event for Cape Town, and also for me personally.

■ *Happy reading*

Gisela Piercey



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The Match in Africa: A Match of Heroes

It isn't every day that we get to see two international tennis greats play on South African soil. But the crowd of 51'945 fans at Cape Town Stadium on 7 February were lucky enough to witness history in action, when Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal went head-to-head in The Match in Africa, raising approximately R54.6 million for the charitable Roger Federer Foundation. I had a chance to chat to Roger Federer before the match.



A short chat with Roger Federer during the warm up session.



Before the Match in Africa Roger Federer visited one of his projects in Namibia.

The Match in Africa was the sixth edition of this event, but the first to take place on African soil. And the crowd of more than 51'945 people set a new world record for the largest attendance at a tennis match. The atmosphere in the capacity stands was electric as Bill Gates and Trevor Noah joined the two champions for a curtain-raising doubles match, with Federer and Gates facing off against Nadal and Noah. Fans were ecstatic to see Trevor Noah back on home soil as both he and Bill Gates convincingly proved that

there's more to them than their less sporty day jobs and that they were fully committed to a good cause.

The Match in Africa also showcased a host of local talent in between the matches, which kept excitement high, including the legendary Ndlovu Youth Choir and the energetic Zip Zap Circus – a Cape Town-based social circus that was founded to inspire young people and to help build a new culture of peaceful coexistence in South Africa.

Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal did not disappoint, launching into an exciting rally of world-class tennis that had spectators on the edges of their seats. After a hard-fought three Roger emerged as the winner of this round. But the players matched each other lobby for lobby and ace for ace throughout. The thundering contest was tense to the last minute.

All the net proceeds generated by The Match in Africa will be donated to the Roger Federer Foundation, to support education in rural South Africa. The Roger Federer Foundation has been supporting education programmes for over 16 years and has invested extensively in educational initiatives throughout Africa.

support and for making a difference to those who need it most.”

A collaboration between Roger and Trevor?

I had the opportunity to chat to Roger Federer for a few minutes during the Warm up session before the match. I was particularly interested to hear whether there could be any future collaboration between his foundation and the Trevor Noah Foundation. The foundation of the South African stand up comedian and “Daily Show” host is only a few years old but starting to make an impact. The Johannesburg based non-profit organization equips orphans and vulnerable youth with education, life skills and social capital necessary to pursue further opportunity upon

Over 1.5 million children reached

For more than 16 years, the Roger Federer Foundation has been engaging in charitable programs in Africa and Switzerland giving children a good start in education. Over 1.5 million children have benefitted from the interventions. The foundation only works with carefully selected local organizations in long-term partnerships and seeks to bring about systemic change and have a sustainable impact. It aims therefore to enable and empower the local population to assume responsibility for finding solutions to problems while also determining the content, organization and finances of these solutions. The Foundation is running School Readiness Initiatives in Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Switzerland and has invested more than 52 million USD in educational programs in 7000 primary schools and preschools since its establishment.

GISELA PIERCEY,



Trevor Noah showed off his humour – and even some tennis skills.

Cape Town owns a new world record

Following the match, Roger Federer said, “What an unforgettable night. We raised more than three-and-a-half million US dollars for vulnerable children in the region, achieved a world record with more than 51’945 spectators at a tennis match and had so much fun on the court. Thanks, Rafa for a great match, to Bill and Trevor for stepping out of their comfort zones, and most of all, thank you, South Africa, and thank you Cape Town, for all your overwhelming

graduating high school or matric. It is no secret that Trevor Noah and Bill Gates are friends (and so are Roger Federer and Gates) and Microsoft is one of the partners of Trevor’s foundation. When I asked Roger whether the two foundations could work together to make an even bigger impact he said that it would be something to look into and that he would be open to it. Let’s keep an eye on the triangle of relationships Federer – Gates – Noah.



Over 1.5 million children have benefitted from the Roger Federer Foundation to date.

ASO MEETING CANCELLED

The ASO council meeting of 14th March in Bern was cancelled due to the COVID-19 impact.

Our normal channel of communication to Swiss Expats is via the various Swiss Clubs in our region. As happened in 2017, we are currently looking at holding another round of information sessions in the major centres in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy and the Regional Consular Centre. Information about where and when these events will take place will be communicated in due course.

Hans-Georg Bosch
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■ Our Clubs of Society

Afro Gugge, Amicale Suisse Romande,
Boccia, Skittling Club.

Associated Groups: Swiss Choir,
Swiss Rifle Club, Swiss Golf, G.S.N.A.
Senior Swiss Circle meets every
2nd Saturday of the month for Lunch.

Swiss Ladies meet every 4th Thursday
of the month for lunch.

Swiss Rifle Club Johannesburg:
We shoot every 4th Sat of the month,
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After a very successful 2019 we can
now look forward to our new calendar
of events. Our traditional Fondue Evening
will take place on 6 June 2020, as
always in the Church Hall of the Johannesburg
gemeinde, next to the DSP.
National Day will be celebrated on
1 August this year. When you read this,

our AGM will have taken place on
6th March. Looking forward to
welcoming many new members to
our club during the course of this year.
Hans-Georg Bosch – President

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The Swiss club Cape Town is open for
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Every 1st Thursday of the month is
Pensioner's Lunch. Join the Swiss Jass
players every LAST thursday of the
month. There is much more happening
at our club, meeting friends,
host a party, club events etc. For more
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The independent Swiss Rifle Club can
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■ **JASS EVENTS**

This is held on the second Friday of each month and will commence at 2 p.m. and is held at Rolf Klein Jass Stube, 3 Bona Terra Road, Assagay (directions on our website).

■ **SPORT TARGET SHOOTING**

Held on the 4th Saturday of each month (weather permitting) commencing at 0830 a.m. - Nottingham Road (calendar available on our website).

■ **SHARKS BOARD**

Possible braai - 12th April.

■ **BEACH CHAMPAGNE BREAK-FAST**

Amanzimtoti, 17th May.

■ **CHEESE FONDUE** Augusta Estate.

Details to be finalised, either 27th June in the evening or 28th June, lunch.

■ **SWISS NATIONAL DAY**

2nd August, Sunshine Farm, Drummond.

■ **CUMBERLAND GAME FARM**

Pietermaritzburg: 27th September - braai/lunch.

■ **BAYNSFIELD GAME FARM**

Richmond: 25th October - Braai.

■ **YEAR END BRAAI,**

Karkloof: 6th December.

■ **PRIZE JASSEN,**

13th December - held at Rolf Klein Jass Stube, 3 Bona Terra Road, Assagay.

■ **2021 - CULINARY EVENING,**

Augusta Estate: 7th February.

■ **67th AGM,**
 Augusta Estate - 7th March.

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*For more up-to-date information regarding times/venues/directions, please visit our most informative website www.swissclubnatal.org.za

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