

# 125TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

## Season Badges

All Members coming to St Moritz next season can collect a 125th Anniversary Season Badge from the Clubhouse. Please note that ALL Guests (even wives/husbands/children) will require a 125 Guest Badge (costing CHF 30) for access to the Clubhouse during 125 Week.

## Poster Display

Robert Allenspach has chosen 31 images of the Run through the years for display on the escalators in the main ParkHaus. The official opening will be on 10th December and we are grateful to Robert for choosing such a marvellous collection.

## Car Events (3rd – 10th February)

The car events are being ably handled by Peter Maerky, Alexander Knapp Voith, George von Waldburg and Damien Lipman. The car events come in two sections: There is the Tour from London to St Moritz (3rd – 5th), which sets off from Hyde Park on February 3rd and arrives in St Moritz two days later, having taken in some extremely civilised hotels & restaurants en route. Contact George von Walburg about this (gwwaldburg@hotmail.com). The motoring events in St Moritz are under the capable aegis of Peter Maerky. About 30 cars are registered so far for the Parade (6th), the Snow Circuit (8th), the Uphill Cresta (9th) and the Villa d'Este Expedition (10th). Anyone wishing to sign up for these should contact Peter Maerky direct for details (info@steffani.ch or +41 81 836 9696). All the details can be seen on the 125 website. (And do not fear about the well-being of your car; Volante AG in Samedan specialise in looking after vehicles of a certain age and temperament).

## Launch on the Lake & Aerial Events (Saturday 6th February)

Prizegiving for the Brabazon Trophy and President's Race will be held during lunch on the Lake prior to the Aerial events. Weather permitting, these will start with a fly past by Ralph Hubbard and Andreas Bodmer. There will be an aerial acrobatic display and the Red Devils will parachute onto the Lake, led by Will Snook and Dominik Corsten bearing banners with the 125 and St Moritz logos. Neil Smorthit is co-ordinating all the necessary flying permissions with the help of Heinz Reber. Heinz is also being enormously helpful in matters of hangarage, use of the airport, and many other details.

## Bavarian Lunch (Sunday 7th February)

Victor Erdmann and Nikki Rauenbusch are arranging a Bavarian lunch at the Sunny Bar complete with Bavarian food and Bavarian band.

## Shuttlecock Dinner (Monday 8th February)

Andi Roder confirms that the dinner will be in the Embassy Room of the Palace and that the theme of the event will probably be *'The Big Top'*.

## Seniors Race and Dinner (Tuesday 9th February)

Bowing to pressure from many of those eligible to ride in the Seniors, the Committee has decided to introduce a Top Handicap race to be held in conjunction with the Seniors' race from Junction. The Crawford Family has generously donated a cup for the event, which will be known as the Crawford Cup. Peter Lord will hold the Seniors' Dinner in La Baracca in the Bad for up to 90 people. Those who cannot ride for plausible health reasons will be welcome to attend.

## Ladies Event (Wednesday 10th February)

Demand for this event has already exceeded expectations and we expect to have to start earlier than the published time of 11 a.m.

## Krug Brunch (Wednesday 10th February)

Unsurprisingly, there has been very keen interest in the Krug Brunch and as numbers are limited, priority will be given to those who have indicated their wish to attend on the Register of Intent. I am afraid it is now waiting-list only, but do indicate on the application form if you wish to be added to this list.

## Dracula's Dinner (Wednesday 10th February)

The inimitable Rolf Sachs will ensure that the Dracula's Dinner is an evening to remember and is expanding the Club onto the Terrace to cope with the expected numbers. Furthermore, there will be an opportunity for up to 40 taxi rides on the Bob that evening. (Price to be confirmed but what a way to build an appetite!) After-dinner tickets will be available on the door, but availability will depend on exit numbers.

## 125th Anniversary Ball (Friday 12th February)

Sascha Wrottesley, with the aid of Caroline Dalmeny, has been working extremely hard on this. It will be held at the Kulm. Sotheby's & HSBC are supporting the Ball generously and Heinz Reber, Hans Stukenbrock, the Nayar family, Anthony Snook and Ralf Ganter are lending support in a myriad of ways to ensure that it is a fitting climax to the week. Book early to avoid disappointment.

## Grand National (Saturday 13th February)

As this will be the 100th running of the Grand National the Committee has decided to invite anyone who has ever competed in the Grand National to ride. The field will be cut after the first course.

## Fireworks

Gunter Sachs, that Transylvanian master of disguise, will present a Firework Display, as he did for the Centenary. Timing and venue to be announced but it will be magnificent as those who witnessed the spectacular display in 1985 will attest.

## 125 Brochure

Stephen Bartley is in charge of the editorial for the 125th Anniversary Brochure which will contain articles on the genesis of the Run; how the corners were named; riders and their toboggans; facts and figures; the 100th running of the Grand National, and a page or two dedicated to each event. The brochure will be given to Members during February and at the Ball; several hotels have promised to carry copies in their bedrooms during February; and it will be distributed via the Kurverein and Tourist Board.

## The Shop

Mark Child has ensured that there will be many fantastic 125 goodies in the Shop. Perhaps it is worth delaying Christmas shopping until the Run opens?

## Contact Details

See overleaf for telephone numbers and emails for the Secretariat.

