

Swiss Sportsmen's Club

The Swiss Park was established in 1947 with the purchase of 10 acres, at less than \$85 per acre, by members of the Swiss Rifle Club of Tacoma, which was organized in 1913. Subsequent parcels were purchased over the years, and the park is now comprised of 40 acres. The site was chosen due to its location in a sparsely populated area of Pierce County where members could practice their marksmanship and participate in tournaments. During the 1920's and 1930's, ammunition was issued each year by the U.S. Government for target practice.

Purchase of the property also provided a permanent home for the Tacoma Schwinger Club (Swiss style wrestling). The club was organized in 1928 and, following a thousand year old tradition, held Schwingfests (tournaments). These competitions were conducted at locations in the Renton and South Seattle area.

By 1958 there was a merger between the Schutzen (shooting) Club and the Schwingen (wrestling) Club to form the Swiss Sportsmen's Club of Tacoma. The Swiss Park is also home to:

Tacoma Swiss Society, est. 1889
Swiss Relief Society, est. 1924
Enzian Swiss Ladies Choir, est. 1988

Swiss Ladies Society Helvetia", est. 1908
Swiss Sportsmen's Club, est. 1958
Mannerchor Edelweiss (men's choir),
est. 1910



Swiss Sportsmen's Club, ca 1949



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