

Gönner-Event 2008:

For somebody who never wins, winning three times at my first Gönner-Event is quite an accomplishment... and not only did I win wonderful prizes, but also the lucky punch to write this year's report. Thank you Reto ;-)

After realizing the seriousness of this job, I ask the question what to write. I could follow the good and easy advice from Daniel Streit and write in the world language of Danish.



Det ville sikkert bringe stor glæde og det er vel også snart på tide, at dette sprog bliver udbredt yderligere. Alt taget i betragtning er det jo både et smukt og yderst anvendeligt sprog.



Despite the temptation, I still perceive it to be just a slight too easy. Instead I could write about the beautiful language of the Bernese... or the word that puzzled me doing the event *bingo*: okay this I can understand – it makes sense, even if in other parts of the world it might be bango, but that still qualifies within a reasonable amount of nuances. Then out of the blue comes *lotto*... what on earth has *lotto* to do with *bingo*???... and to my favorite *karton*, that has something to do with milk or moving boxes, well apparently it can also mean bingo, bango or lotto. No wonder Bernese is soooo difficult to learn.

Well, neither the beautiful language of Danish nor the spoken language of the Bernese should serve as the main topic of this report. Rather, the Bärner Chibiggle themselves deserve that.

My experience at this first Gönner-Event: Going to the event, I was not sure what to expect, after all I had overheard various discussions about what exactly this sausage-party group was all about (I am still puzzled also by the exact choice of word). Well, no doubt about it, I for long had been one to mention, that at least bringing in the word *party* in the clubs name, serves a purpose. Some would argue that the club is nothing more than an excuse to get together and have a beer or two. And so, if it is, I am a firm believer of certain such traditions to keep up with



friends and family in our busy lives. To my surprise the Gönner-Event stroke me to be quite different than expected. It was a rather spectacular event it must say,... maybe not for its creativity in event (bingo, bango, lotto, karton), nor of its prizes (e.g. candlelight dinner (see picture on the left)), but rather for its cosy atmosphere among a different bunch of people all gathered to support their friends, families, fathers, boyfriends and their activities in this boy-scout club. I think it is safe to say that this club is more than just about a beer or two, rather it has brought people together over years and years and has established itself to be a real good get away every now and then,... and if it sometimes or even often involve a party that is fine with me.

Thanks for the good evening and the many good evenings before that. Look forward to the next events, Karina