**Swiss Masters 2018 - 2019**

The large Swiss delegation included 66 athletes.

The races in the different distances in the classic and skating technique were carried out on the beautiful and challenging trails of Beitostoelen.

Cross-country skiing and biathlon World Cups have also taken place on this site in Beitostoelen.

In total, the successful Swiss team won 17 medals: 3 x Gold , 7 x Silver and 7 x Bronze.

The most successful Swiss athletes were:

* Sandra Wagenführ won 2 races in the class 4. 15 km KL and 10 km SK
* Gian Jörger won gold over 10 km KL and silver over 45 km KL in class 5
* Bruno Joller finished third over 30 km SK, 10 km SK and 45 km SK and was always there with the fastest of the day down to the finish line.
* Gerold Birrer won silver in the class 7 over 15 km SK and 10 km SK.

We also had some top 10 classifications in the top-class fields of participants. Congratulations for the great achievements.

Many Swiss found the organisation of the MWC2019 Supporting Programme (medal opening and closing ceremonies) to be very weak.

Already in Minneapolis some organizational was on the absolute minimum.

There is certainly a need for action in the future that the organisers will again comply with their specifications.

Nearly 30 Swiss travelled directly to Lillehammer at the end of the 2019 Masters World Cup to compete in Norway's most popular cross-country skiing race, the Birkebeinerrennet over 54 km of classic technique.

Bruno Joller was the fastest of our Masters runners. Sandra Wagenführ was able to bring her good form of Beitostolen perfectly to the track at Birkebeinerrennet

**Masters: Swiss Cross-Country Skiing Championships in Klosters**

One week after the conclusion of the Masters World Cup in Beitostoelen, the Masters Swiss Championships took place on Saturday 23 March in Klosters, the venue of the Masters World Cup 2017.

The OK of SC Klosters organized a wonderful end to the season for the Masters cross-country skiers. The weather and the supporting programme were fantastic. The routes in the Monbiel area were challenging and super prepared.

The championships started with an 8.0 KM classic race with mass start.

Less than 2 hours later, the same course had to be completed in the skating technique with a mass start.

From the combination of the two races, the Swiss Masters champions were selected in the respective categories.

The fastest overalls were in the women's Sandra Wagenführ from SC Davos and in the men's Thomas Graf from SC Goupils Alpe Vaudoises

For the Masters World Cup in Cogne the Swiss team hopes to find well-organized competitions

and a supporting programme worthy of a Masters World Cup. Otherwise, in the longer term, we will have trouble getting more athletes to a MWC.

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