

## Editorial

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### Dear Readers,

I would like to warmly welcome you to the latest issue of the SV Magazine.

*“ Coming together is the beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success. ”*

-Henry Ford-

To me, this quote is more than just a nice introduction; it is a signal. A signal of what really matters at SV: that we don't just meet to tick off appointments or deal with formalities, but that we work as a community. SV is strong when many individuals come together to form a sustainable community, whether in local or federal groups or across the entire club.

The federal group delegate assemblies in particular have confirmed this impressively in recent weeks. These assemblies are not 'just' meetings; they are a real opportunity for the grassroots to engage in direct dialogue with the executive boards, ask questions, contribute suggestions and discuss issues openly and consistently. This exchange is important, not as a duty, but as part of a living democracy within the association. When the grassroots voice their concerns, they are not being disruptive: they are acting as a compass.

#### **What motivates our members? Where do we need clarity? What needs to be improved?**

This is precisely where the strength of our club lies. It is the grassroots that make SV. They carry out the work on the ground, shape it, keep camaraderie and tradition alive and drive development forward. If we take the grassroots seriously and listen to them, we strengthen the big picture, rather than individual persons or positions.

Community does not mean that everyone always agrees. It means that we respectfully tolerate differences, seek solutions and take responsibility together. Not against each other, but with each other. This is exactly how trust is built. Trust gives rise to what we need most in challenging times: cohesion and the ability to act.

#### **That leads me to my wish:**

Let's not view these encounters and discussion formats as one-offs, but as an ongoing process. Ask questions, listen, explain and improve continuously. This applies not only locally, but also to the upper echelons of our club.

The grassroots have a right to clear answers, not platitudes. Suggestions and critical issues must be put on the table in a way that is open, honest and accessible. I expect more transparency and plainer language, and communication that deserves trust, because trust is earned, not demanded.

When we come together, keep together and work together, we are not just 'organised' as a club: we are truly strong.

With this in mind, I remain yours truly.

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