

Fun bathing opportunities in Tschlin's fountain

Il Bügl Public

Preface

Allegra – Welcome to the fountain of Bügl Sura, Tschlin. This fountain has always been important for the village's social life. These days it burbles along mostly unused. How do we want to deal with this traditional heritage in future? The project 'IL BÜGL PUBLIC' shows some possible answers.

This summer, you can enjoy a bath and relax in the fountain of Bügl Sura. The fountain is intended to become part of social activities and enliven the village square as a public (whirl)pool. Let's sit and chat together in the heated mountain water. Can we use this opportunity to meet and face each other differently?

Tourismus Valsot and Somalgors74, a cultural initiative, invite you to have a bath and wish you a good time – bun divertimaint!

History of fountains in the Engadine valley

Up to the 17th/18th century, the fountains were the centres of the village life. They served as a place to drink for animals as well as a washing station. Building fountains was technically demanding, which is why there weren't too many of them. Evidence suggests that up to 50 houses had to share one fountain.

It is not surprising that a lot of organisation was needed for their use and maintenance. Normally, the township was responsible for the fountains, but a person was drawn to be in charge, as a kind of master of the fountain. He was responsible to check the water pipes, among other things.

From the varied usage of the fountains some problems emerged when the water froze in winter. What happened in case of frozen pipes or lack of water?

Excerpt from the fountain regulations for „Bügl Sura“ - 1905

Article 1

The fountain [...] may only be used to wash laundry, and only from 9 am to 1 pm. Other items must not be washed in this fountain. Violations are to be punished by a fine of 50 Rappen.

Article 2

[...] Crockery to be soaked may only be put in the lower part of the fountain, and only from 6 pm to 8 am. Violations are to be punished by a fine of 30 Rappen.

Article 4

It is also prohibited to wash potatoes or agricultural tools in the fountain, and violations are punished by a fine of Fr. 1.

Article 5

Unauthorized persons are prohibited from using the fountain. [...]

Article 6

Cleaning the fountain is organised in a turn of all houses of all authorised persons, such that two houses are responsible for one whole week. Both parts of the fountain then have to be cleaned

by these two houses on Saturday evening. To this end, a booklet is provided, where the cleaners should enter their names and the date of cleaning. [...]

Article 7

Chipping the ice around the fountain in winter is also organised in turns and should be done when asked by the „Cuvi“ (master of the fountain). [...]

Article 9

Two „Cuvits“ are selected by the community to follow these regulations. [...] The „Cuvits“ make sure that the regulations are followed and arrange necessary repairs and maintenance.

Article 10

All authorised persons have the duty and the right to tell the „Cuvits“ about violations of these regulations, and receive 1/3 of the fine.

Article 11

Half of the fines [...] are for the „Cuvits“, the other half for the society of the fountain [...]

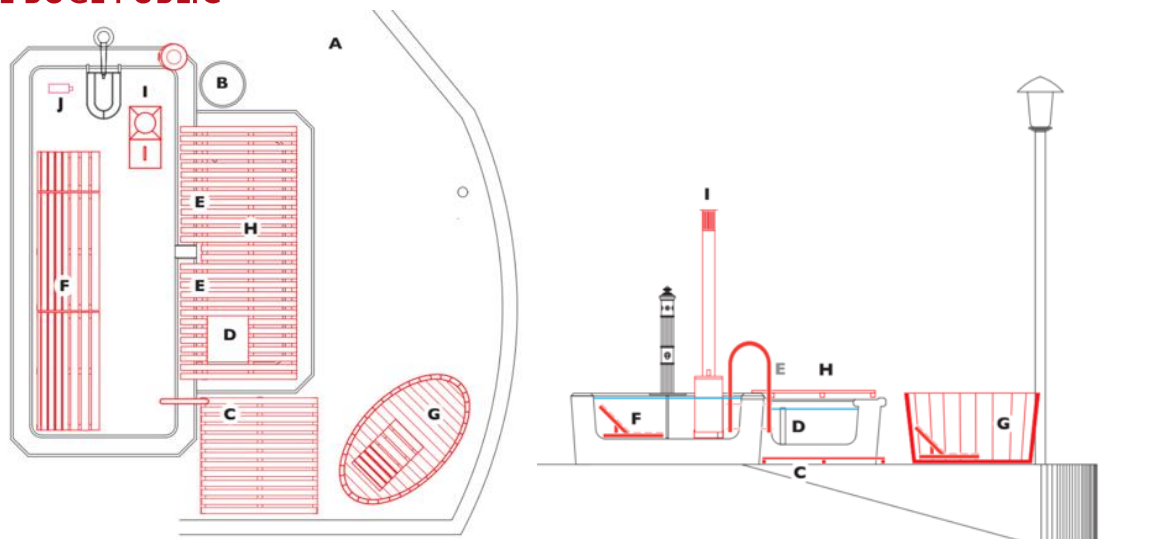
Bathing ritual

Nourish your mind, body and social network. IL BÜGL PUBLIC connects wellbeing with the social element of the fountain community. The social bathing pleasure leads you through seven stations to relaxation:

- A) After using the changing rooms (and maybe putting on your bathrobe)...
- B) ... you shower using the buckets...
- C) ... walk up to the washing place...
- D) ... and wash your feet.
- E) If you need to wait, there is space to sit down...
- F) ... before you enjoy the whirl pool itself.
- G) The cold water barrel provides cooling...
- H) ...and you can lie down and relax.

The separate wooden tubs provide another bathing highlight. These are alternately hay flower, draff and whey baths.

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Dates and further informations

Dates and times

21 July – 18. August: every Saturday from 3 to 10 pm

Extraordinary events

- 14 July fountain-warming party with the locals
- 19 July bathing with and for the media
- 26 July during the ‚Fränzli Woche‘ in Tschlin
- 2 August post-Swiss-National-Day bathing fun

Remark: A little rain makes you pretty, as we say in German, and a little cold makes the warm bath even more comfortable. However, the bathing in the fountain does not happen if the weather is stormy.

Please ask at the tourist information in Scuol (phone +41 (0)81 861 88 00) whether the event is happening.

Further information

- Bathing in the fountain is free for everyone.
- Up to 8 people can bathe simultaneously, and additional places to lie down are provided.
- A toilet is located nearby.
- Please bring your bathing suit and a towel, or arrive freshly showered in your bathing suit and a bathing robe.

Food

A platter of local Bun Tschlin delicacies is available in the village shop:
Butia Tschlin, Plaz 32, 7559 Tschlin, phone 081 866 32 74

Nearby restaurants:

Hotel Macun
hotelmacun.ch
phone +41 (0)81 866 32 70

Alpenbrauerei Girun
girun.ch
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Good to know

All wood used in the construction of the fountain is locally sourced Swiss Stone Pines. A natural filter system sterilizes the water. Bathing exclusively only happens once a week, which allows us to do without the additional use of chemicals.

All technical elements were provided by professional sauna builders. These elements are safe and prevent damage of the fountain.

Win an exclusive bath in the fountain!

Post your prettiest bathing picture with the hashtag #IlBüglPublic on your instagram account (this has to be public) and mention us @entdecke_valsot

More information on www.ilbüglpublic.ch (in German).

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