

## **Mohr life resort in Lermoos 1803 - 2006**

**1803 – 1806 Johann Georg Jäger**, the barrister and postmaster of Lermoos built an inn, which the eldest son, **Johann Josef Jäger** (1777 to 1845), took over along with the post of barrister. He became the founder of the “Drei Mohren” line of the Jäger family.

At first, the inn was called “Beim Neuwirt” (The New Inn) and was then re-named to “Beim Anwalt” (The Barrister’s), which it kept until 1850 when its name changed again to the “Drei Mohren” (Three Moors). At this time many establishments in Austria and Southern Germany were called the “The Moor” or “The Three Moors”. The name is of religious origin and refers to the three kings who brought gifts to the baby Jesus.

Johann Josef Jäger had three sons, the youngest of which, **Johann Georg Jäger**, took over the inn and the post of the barrister. The two portraits on the second floor of the manor are of Johann Georg Jäger and his wife Martina.

Bavaria’s King Ludwig II, who is known as the “Märchenkönig” (fairy-tale king) in Germany spent the night at the “Drei Mohren” inn several times on his way to Fernsteinsee Castle. He stayed in today’s room 106.

The building of King Ludwig’s royal castles ate up enormous amounts of money and emptied the treasury. Thus, as well as other properties belonging to the king, three lakes were also sold off at auction. Johann Georg Jäger bought the Blindsee, Weißensee, Finstersee and the Mittersee including the fishing rights, which have been owned by the family ever since. They also own all fishing and water rights in all flowing waters in the communities of Ehrwald, Lermoos and Biberwier.

The large religious paintings in the corridors of the hotel and the two large Moors in the lobby come from the cloister in Stams in the Tyrol.

The extensive former archive, with its parchment documents, from the days when the Jäger family held the office of the barrister (1469 – 1893) has been

fully preserved and it was indexed and microfilmed by the Tyrolean provincial archive office.

The St. Johannes von Nepomuk chapel situated between the hotel and the stables is from the year 1750.

**1902 – 1904** Increasing tourism necessitated the re-modelling of the building. **Martina, Johann Georg Jäger's wife and their three daughters Engrazia, Mida and Maximiliana** was responsible for running the hotel after his death. The renovation works were carried out under her leadership. After her death in 1905, her daughters took over the hotel. The youngest, Engrazia, who married Heinrich Wachter (the track to Biberwier was built by him), died in 1936. Her two unmarried sisters ran a tight ship until the last of them died in 1956.

Since neither of them left a direct heir, the entire property devolved to a community of heirs. The will states that the property can only be sold as an entire unit.

**1959** Dieter Künstner, a merchant from Switzerland, ardent fisherman and fish farmer overcame many regulatory obstacles before he was able to acquire the whole estate which included the hotel, the farm, the fish farm, the lakes and the fishing rights. As a result of his excellent technical knowledge the Loisach River has become one of Europe's best fly fishing stretches of water.

**1960** The house was converted into a modern hotel and with an international clientele of fishermen and divers business soon began to thrive and its reputation for its excellent venison and fish specialities spread.

**1998** The eldest daughter, Tina, took over the hotel and the farm. Together with her husband, Klaus Mantl, she opened a riding arena to train and breed "Jac Point Quarters" tournament horses for western riding. Due to her excellent results Tina Künstner-Mantl, a passionate tournament rider in the

most prestigious discipline “Reining”, is well-known amongst western riders in Europe.

**1998** The Hotel was completely renovated and renamed “Mohr life resort” offering its guests contemporary comfort and a variety of sporting activities.

**1999** The flood at Whitsun completely destroyed the fish farm. The area was converted into a beautiful fishing lodge with an adjoining snack restaurant.

**2006** In December the newly remodelled and extended “Mohr life resort” opened. The motto of the new hotel is “Contrast of the elements – for an intense experience of life” can be seen in all details of the new hotel’s architecture with its extensive spa and beauty area.