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HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PICNIC AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Sat. 26th Feb. 1994 - Shooting competition 10.30 am start. Please remember to bring your own lunch.

Sun. 27th Feb. 1994: Picnic and Sports competition (bowling, shotput) 11 am start. B.B.Q. sausages, cakes, coffee, cold drinks and entertainment for the children will be available.

Venue: Villiger's Farm, Kiwitahi.

GEMÜTLICHER ABEND:

A low key Gemütlicher Abend before the Christmas rush was immensely enjoyed by over 50 members and friends of our club. Some indulged in card playing, others tried out the new automatic Kegelbahn or had a chat with friends which was long overdue. I am sure all who were there had a memorable evening with thanks to the Staheli family for providing the venue.

We hope to see all our members and friends at our 1994 functions. *E.C.*

OBITUARY

Werna Anton SCHICKER of New Plymouth who passed away recently at the age of 77 years. He came to New Zealand in 1921 with his parents when he was 5 years old. Farming became his way of life, beginning at Okaiwa Pungarehu and Inglewood before moving to New Plymouth where he worked for Synfuels and the P & T. He married in 1941 and the marriage was blessed with 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. Werna was a great man for his Swiss Heritage, making many trips back to his homeland. He loved the picnics and he was a wonderful dancer. At his funeral, Swiss tape music was played as the cortege left the church.

To his family we offer our sympathy to the passing of this great man. *L.K.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Trudy (nee Flühler), Bill and Natalie MILES on the birth of their new daughter and sister Rachel Louise born at Waikato Women's Hospital on November 25th. 1993 to the sound of Haydn's Cello Concerto in C. She weighed 3420 grammes (7lb 9oz).

TARANAKI AND CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUBS

No news has been received from these two Clubs for this issue which is a pity as there is no further issue of the Helvetia magazine until next April.



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BIG SWISS PROMOTION IN EX EASTERN GERMANY



With wine, cheese, chocolate, 400 kg of brochures, a "Ländlerkappelle" and Alphorn blowers, the Swiss Tourist Office staged a large tourist promotion tour through Berlin, Leipzig, Chemnitz and Dresden. Apparently the picture of a healthy, beautiful and friendly Switzerland seems to appeal greatly to the 17 million people of the newly federated part of Germany.

As a whole, Germany is still the largest provider of foreign tourists to Switzerland

(over 43%) and despite the economical difficulties of the old East German state, one in every ten German tourists comes from that part of Germany.

REDUNDANCIES

Following the decision to reduce the Swiss army by some 30%, the Military Department has started its programme of staff reduction too. Over 3000 positions are to be axed over the next few years, mainly through early retirement and non-replacement of staff leaving the Department on a voluntary basis. As a further measure, action is under way to encourage everyone to retire at the age of 60 instead of the present 65.

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