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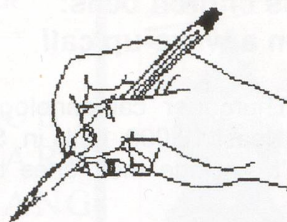
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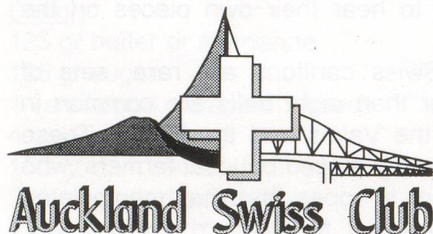
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### Dear members,

The year is slowly gaining momentum. After our picnic we had the Auckland Society games on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, in which some 10 people took part. Thank you to all who made the effort, for coming up.

Our Youth camp is now postponed till later this year or early next year, unless strong interest is voiced from the teenagers' quarters. Remember, the facility at the farm is very comfortable now and lends itself to a great camp place. With all the sanitary and cooking facilities in place and a bunk house that is very water proof and warm, and all the bush around it to play games and test your ability in. AND: No noise control.

### Forthcoming Events..

We have some very important events coming up:

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2002,

at Kaukapakapa.

You will receive a special invitation with the exact times.

Please note it in your calendar.

We always welcome new members to the circle of the committee.

In fact we need some new, fresh input. Thank you for those who have already indicated their commitment.

Society Games Semi final  
AUCKLAND VS. HAMILTON  
Sunday 28 April 2002,

at Kaukapakapa.

Please come up early (9am) for an early start, and come in plentiful numbers to face the strong Hamiltonians.

Lunch provided.

#### Shooting:

"Einzelwettschiessen" Auckland:  
21/22 April 2002. 10am for briefing.  
10.30am for start of shooting.

Hamilton Shooting day:  
18/19 May 2002, same time.

#### Jassen:

First game will be on Friday 17 May 2002, 7.30pm, at 224 Hobson St, City (Oski's lab)

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## Past Events ....

### Picnic

The annual picnic was held on Sunday, 24th February on what started out to be a fairly dismal day. However the committee was at the Eureka School bright and early to set up for the Kegeln and food stall, hoping the weather would improve. We were very lucky that we only had a few spits of rain and a fairly steady breeze so it didn't put too many people off.

By lunch time most of the people had arrived and the two Kegeln alleys were very busy. We had many participants for the medal competitions, including a lot of children, and also lots of members tried their luck for the Kegel Trophy. Congratulations must go to Rinaldo Rust and Anita Zuber who were the lucky, and maybe skilful, participants on the day.

There was also a fairly big queue at times for freshly grilled sausages, which always seem very popular. After a while some children braved the swimming pool and before long the pool was full. We also had a lot of children waiting for the lolly scramble while their parents enjoyed hot coffee and a big selection of Swiss baking.

It prove to be a successful day after all. Many thanks to all the helpers and committee.

## Forthcoming Events ....

### Family Walk

**Sunday, 7th April, 10.00am**

The club is organising a family walk in the Pirongia area for all age groups.

There is a nature walk which would take about one hour of very easy walking on a well graded track, with some board walks, and two or three very short sections of steps. This would be an ideal walk for young children and the not so young.

Fitter people could tackle the more difficult but rewarding track up to Wharauroa, time there and back being about 3-4 hours. On a fine day one can see large parts of the

Waikato.

Everyone should bring their own picnic lunch and drinks in a small backpack. We will meet at the carpark above Park Lodge at about 10.00am.

**Directions:** From Hamilton, drive towards Pirongia on S.H.39. After Te Rore Hall, turn right into Te Pahu Road; left into Hodgson Rd; left into Grey Rd. At the end is the Park Lodge, where you drive up the short narrow road to the top carpark. If the weather is doubtful or you need any further information, please ring Vitus on 07 855-2841 before 9.00am.

### Annual General Meeting

**Saturday, 13th April, 7.30pm**

The club's AGM will be held at Swisscraft, Colombo Street, Frankton, commencing with drinks at 7.30pm, followed by the meeting at 8.00pm. As always, the club needs a hard working committee and we are always looking for more helpers. Many hands make light work! Please consider joining our committee - anyone interested is welcome to contact an existing committee member, who will be able to inform you about what we do and nomination at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there and showing your support.

A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

### Card Evenings

**Saturday, 27th April, 7.30pm**

The First Card Evening to be held at the Eureka Hall, commencing with the Swiss Society Medal Jass. (Please be punctual for Medal Jass competitions.)

**Saturday, 11th May, 7.30pm**

Second Card Evening and Medal Jass to be held in Tirau.

**Saturday, 25th May, 7.30pm**

Third Card Evening, Eureka.

**Saturday, 8th June, 7.30pm**

Fourth Card Evening, Tirau.

**Saturday, 22nd June, 7.30pm**

Fifth Card Evening, Eureka.

**Saturday, 6th July, 7.30pm** Sixth and final Card Evening and overall prize presentation, Tirau.

### Interclub Competitions

**Sunday, 28th April**

The Hamilton Club will be travelling to Auckland for the Cowbell semi-final competitions this year. Further details will be available at the AGM.

### Swiss Society AGM

**1st - 3rd June**

This is an advance notice of the Swiss Society AGM which will this year be held in Taranaki. The committee has already reserved several units at the Mountain House Motor Lodge, so if you are interested in going for the weekend and using one of these units please contact Anita (07) 856-2414 as soon as possible. Accommodation will be very scarce for this weekend as it is also the Taranaki Jubilee celebrations.

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### Past Events...

**AGM** - We had a very good turn out at the AGM, and we want to thank all our loyal supporters very much for attending. We are very fortunate to have four new committee members: Franz and Silvia Schuler, Heidi Werder and Peter Gillbanks. We thank them for offering their services and look forward to their input. Walter thanked all committee members for their contributions and assistance throughout the year.

### Forthcoming Events..

**April 7** - Cards, start 1.15 pm

**April 21** - Championship/Society Shoot at 1.00 pm

**April 28** - A favourite pastime for Swissies... come along and play cards. Euchre also played.

### Queens Birthday Weekend 50th Jubilee of the Taranaki Swiss Club

**1st June** - Gathering at the Swiss Club hall from 5.00 pm. Cost for the light meal is \$ 10.00 each. Great social occasion to renew friendships.

**2nd June** - final of the Cowbell Competition to be held at the club at 10.00 am. The AGM will be at 2.00 pm followed by dinner and an evening of wonderful entertainment by the Swiss Kiwi Yodel Group and 'Guggemusig'. - Cost for the evening is \$ 45.00 per person with tickets available from Marianne Drummond on 06 7628718 or Walter Seiffert on 06 7628559.

Ring soon to avoid disappointment. Anyone who has a costume, please wear it, they look so colourful. Would anyone from outside Taranaki let us know the numbers attending this evening also. Thank you!

MD

### Basler-Fasnacht 2002 - Swiss Carneval-Basel (18.2.2002)

This is a parody (Schnitzelbank) produced by the Basel Carneval Club calling itself "The Antique Club 1969". The theme of this parody reflects the friendly rivalry between Basel (the less imposing Brother) and Zürich (the big Brother of importance)! What cannot be denied is the fact that Basel joined the Swiss Federation 'only' some 500 years ago, while Zürich can boast a 650-year membership!



### 650 Joor fähl am Blatz ? !

Wo Uri, Schwyz und Unterwalde sich finde fir e Bündnis z gstatle und uff em Rütli die sich schweere as si vo jetz aa zämmegeheere, do hän si uff dr Bindnis-Wolgge an alles dänggt — nur nit an d Folge.

Ziiri-Basel, s isch bekannt, sin alles and're als verwandt. Als Bebbi liebt me, wenn me goot, und dä Kanton ganz gly verloot. Au dä Spruch, alt scho und marood, dä lauft sich mittlerwyle z doot.

Worum denn muess der Bebbi hyyle wenn är derf - muess - uff Ziiri schiile? Will är gnau weiss was denn bassiert, wird ebbis derthii exportiert.

S Färnsee, z Basel isch s gebore, het doch sy Charme total verlore. Syt Ziiri das het an sich grisse isch das Programm doch ehnder bsch...alde.

Bim Radio isch s ebbe s glyyche, z Basel no e Studio-Lyche, grad no rächt isch s fir s Lokale, fir dä Mischd muesch denn au no zaale!

Bim Verkehr - z erscht uff dr Strooss, dert goot dr näggschti Eerger los; E Autibaan - dasch bsunders glatt, hert aifach uff vor däre Stadt. Uff dr Schiine isch s au doof, do landisch im e Saggbaanhof. Als näggschts, do kemme mer zem Fliege, au das het Ziiri miesse griege.

Und? - Was hän si jetz dervo?  
D Swissair het se jetz verloo.  
Mit Ibermuet und Misswirtschaft het me au dä Laade gschafft.  
Zerscht wird d Balair ykkassiert, denn d Sabena duuregschiert und s Resultat - es isch bekannt, d Basler Crossair wird verbannt.  
Ains, das weiss me iberall:  
S kunnt Hochmuet immer vor em Fall!  
Nur Ziiri het das noonig gheert und git sich total unbeschweert.  
Me will e Wältstadt sy - herjee:  
E Blöff mit diggem Bortmonee!

Mir wänn und kenne s nit verstoo, as me die so ka mache loo.  
Was dääne gisch, es isch verruggt, wird aabegmacht und zämmedruggt.

Dr Nabel vo dr Wält mechtsch sy?  
Liebs Ziiri, gsee s doch ändlig yy:  
Mer schetze Di, will de sunscht brav bisch, als Zentrum numme geografisch.  
Doo darfsch Mittelpunggt Du sy, doch alles and're gheert an Rhy!

Basel muess sich nit verstege, het schliesslig dr Dreyländeregge!  
Wältoffehait isch uns'ri Sach  
Fir das, liebs Ziiri, bisch Du z schwach!  
Mir hän doch ebbis uff där' Wält, wo de nit kaufe kasch mit Gäld:  
Z Basel zellt nit d Arroganz, z Basel läbbt me Toleranz, drum wänn mer ys au nit beklaae und Eych in allem Aaschtand saage:  
Miir z Basel leese das Brobleem, miir ziehn däm Ziiri Leu scho d Zeen!  
Mer nämme Eych an d Hand, brobiere, Eych do in Basel z integriere.

Vor rund 650 Joore hän d Zircher sich däm Bund verschwoore, wänn sich au Aidgenosse nenne, und sich zue däm Bund bekenne.  
«Ai ainzig Volgg, es blybbt derby!»  
Nur - mien das alles Zircher sy?  
Jetzt will me fyre - grooss und mächtig, und dekoriert dr Baanhof prächtig.  
Dert inne wärde Reede gschwunge, Muusig gmacht und Liedli gsunge, denn präsentiert me hooche Gescht e Fyyrwärgg denn am Ziiri-Fesch.

Eh, tschuldigung - loosed jo gnau:  
Das Fesch, das hän mir z Basel au!  
Zwor erscht fimfhundert Joor isch s här, nur isch s bi uns halt nit so läär!  
Bi uns, do lauft e ganzi Schwetti!  
Glaubch s nit? - Denn froog dr Tomasetti!  
Bi uns lauft sovyyl, s isch e Hit, s weiss s sältscht dr Tomasetti nit!

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**Past Events....**

**10 March:  
Brunch at the Clubhouse**

This was the second brunch the Committee organised and it was more successful than the first in November. 20 people enjoyed their bacon and eggs, coffee and Zuepfe in convivial company while the keen marksmen and women availed themselves of the opportunity to finish the Swiss Society medal shooting programme.

**Forthcoming events...**

**20 April:  
Annual General Meeting,  
7.30 pm at the Clubhouse**

Invitations with the Agenda will be sent out to members well in advance.

Now that we have our very own Clubhouse, we do need keen members to make use of it. A healthy Club can only function if the workload is spread more evenly amongst its members and more brains are tapped for an innovative approach to problem solving and planning of events. There are vacancies in the Committee that need filling. We beg every one of you to seriously consider offering your services, even if it is only for a year or two.

It can even be fun! Please let Roland Schuetz know if you are willing to stand for election.

There are a number of important issues that have to be decided at the meeting and it is really important that as many members as possible attend. L.N.

(following an old, traditional Swiss recipe) were sold. Numerous Swiss, friends and family visited and supported the stall on the day. Thanks to the committee for a great effort!

**Forthcoming Events ....**

**Movie AGM**

(41st Annual General Meeting) Thursday, May 16th, 7.00pm, at the Old Stone House, Shalamar Drive.

The meeting will be followed by the Swiss movie *Journey of Hope*, directed by Xavier Koller, in Turkish and German (with English subtitles) The film, winner of the 1991 Academy Award for best foreign film, will be shown on a giant screen.

*Journey of Hope* is based on the true story of one man's dreams for a better life. Haydar, a poor Kurdish villager, with his wife and their seven children, dream of a 'paradise' in Switzerland, and so they sell all their possessions and emigrate illegally to build a better life. Taking his wife and one child, they are at the mercy of their smugglers - and as the journey progresses, they find that each step they take becomes more expensive. By the time they reach the Swiss border, they have lost most possessions, and all of their money. With nothing but their dream, they face the most difficult part of the journey - crossing the brutally cold and dangerous Swiss mountain slopes on foot.

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(taken from Christchurch Swiss Club newsletter, March 2002)

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On 16 February the Club took part in a cultural event held at Ray Blank Park, Christchurch. The stall from the Swiss Club Committee was a huge success, and countless portions of cheese raclettes and chocolate fondues

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#### Position of the Swiss Federal Council on the vote on the people's initiative of 3 March 2002 SWITZERLAND SAYS "YES" TO U.N. MEMBERSHIP

The Federal Council is very encouraged by this important step in domestic and foreign policy. It considers that Switzerland will now be better able to safeguard its interests and assume its responsibilities in the world. For this reason, the Federal Council committed itself to fully supporting this initiative. The Federal Council thanks all voters for the confidence they have expressed with their "yes" vote.

#### Swiss technology powers Mars mission

Robotic explorers being prepared for Nasa's next mission to Mars will be powered by Swiss-built motors. Maxon motor, based in Sachseln near Lucerne, is providing 39 miniature motors for two new Mars rovers, which will be sent to the Red planet in 2003. The motors, which are just 20 millimetres in diameter, have a long life expectancy and are designed to withstand the extreme temperatures on Mars.



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#### September 11 hammers Zurich bottom line

Insurance claims for the September 11 attacks have pushed Zurich Financial Services into the red – the company lost (SFr651 million) last year (2001).

#### Swiss pay last respects to marathon star

Over 1,500 people attended a memorial service at Lausanne cathedral for the deceased Swiss marathon runner, Franziska Rochat-Moser. Many personalities from the world of sports and politics came to express their sympathy to the athlete's family and her husband, celebrity restaurateur Philippe Rochat of Crissier in canton Vaud. The state and local authorities, as well as representatives of the cantonal parliament also attended the ceremony.

The talented marathon runner earned international recognition in 1997 when she won the prestigious New York marathon. Two years later she set the current Swiss marathon record when she finished the Boston marathon in second place with a time of 2:25'51". After struggling with a recurring hip problem, Rochat-Moser announced her retirement from the sport last year, but remained heavily involved with the running world.



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### Lucerne tunes up for Easter

As Easter approaches, Lucerne is hosting its 11th springtime music festival in the stunning lakeside Culture and Convention centre and various churches across the town.

### Post Office to axe 1,000 jobs

Switzerland's Post Office is preparing to cut its staff by 1,000 employees, in a bid to boost profits in the mail sector through automation.

### Swiss builders reach accord on retirement age

Swiss construction workers have hammered out a deal with employers which would allow them to retire at 60

### Sunday press war heats up

A fierce circulation battle is expected to break out in German-speaking Switzerland with the arrival of a new Sunday newspaper, the "NZZ am Sonntag".

### Switzerland – a biker's paradise?

Switzerland's mountainous terrain is no deterrent to cycling enthusiasts! Although Switzerland is popular with cyclists, bike manufacturers have encountered bumpy roads. One after another has been forced to close. Switzerland's dense network of bike paths includes nine signposted national tour routes totalling 3,300 kilometres, which link the different regions of Switzerland. The network is completed by another 3,000 kilometres of regional cycle tracks. In the year 2000 alone – more recent figures are not yet available – the network was used 3.4 million times, either for day trips or for tours lasting several days. Almost half of those discovering the country by bike were Swiss, while most of the bikers from abroad came from Germany.

Recently an international fair

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