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concerns that we may have regarding our status as such. Please have lots of questions ready for Mr Stucky as I am sure he will be only too pleased to answer them.

Non-club members are welcome to join us for this talk at 7.30pm, after supper.

Please tell your friends.

For more information and directions to the farm please call Trudi 09 376 4923, or Ueli, 09 427 5309.

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### **This coming QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, Sunday 6 June 2004**

We are hosting the Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society of New Zealand. We are expecting many of you to turn up not only to the AGM and the evening function that is held at the Sorrento, One (Tree) Hill, on Sunday night, but also to the Cowbell Competition which may be contested by Auckland. We are holding high hopes of having the big bell in town for at least a year. This is the first official function of the day and starts at 9am on Sunday. We need your support for this.

For further information please call Ueli on 09 427 5309.

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### **Craft Day**

**Saturday 3 April 2004, 10am**

At Edith's place - 5 Glen Vista Place, Glenfield. Tel 444 6972. Learn about Easter Baking. Cost \$10 plus a small amount for material. Please book (this may be a bit late now but try it anyway).

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### **Next Card Evening**

**Friday 16 April 2004, 7.30pm at the new venue** (I hope y'all found it OK) the Good Shepherd Church, Telford

Ave, Balmoral, Auckland. \$3 entry fee, and bring a little supper and a prize, if you can. Thank you. For further information call Hans Iten Tel. 620 9208.

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### **Next Stammtisch**

**Saturday 24 April 2004, afternoon till late**, next day perhaps, if you bring a sleeping bag. The accommodation quarters have now been upgraded thanks to the huge efforts by the rifle master and his circle of helpers as they prepared for the visit of the Senior shooters on the 20th March. A particular thank you to Yvonne who painted the "bathroom" and transformed it into a very chic little room. Check it out. For further information call Markus Buhler Tel. 832 3334.

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The events calendar for the new club year is in preparation now and will be published after the AGM.

*Until then,*

*Trudi, for the Committee.*

### **Trivia Answers**

1. 116 years; 2. Ecuador; 3. Sheep and horses; 4. November; 5. Squirrel fur; 6. Dogs; 7. Albert; 8. Crimson; 9. New Zealand; 10. Orange of course!

*You can't change the  
direction of the wind, but you  
can adjust your sails.*

*Only those who dare  
to fail greatly can ever  
achieve greatly.*

### **Three typical Swiss Sports**

There are three typically Swiss sports - Schwingen, Hornussen and Steinstossen.

-Schwingen ("swinging") is a form of wrestling in which the contestants seek to throw one another by grasping the short trousers of coarse linen which they wear.

-In Hornussen one team, the "strickers" (Schlager) are equipped with long (2 metre - 7 feet) flexible clubs with hardwood heads, with which they drive the Hornus, a disk the size of a man's hand, as far down the field as they can. The object of the defenders (Abtuer) is to catch the disk before it reaches the ground with their large wooden bats.

-In Steinstossen ("tossing the stone") the object is to throw a large stone weighing 83.50kg (184 pounds) as far as possible; the record stands at about 3.50 metres (11 feet).

Handgliding - this new sport has become increasingly popular in Switzerland in recent years. There are many hand-gliding schools.

Climbing - Switzerland is the classic country for mountaineering, which has become increasingly popular as a sport since the middle of the 19th century, when it was pioneered by British climbers at Zermatt. The Swiss Alpine Club, founded in 1863, has built up a network of paths and huts to facilitate access to the mountains; and the central Alps, with numerous peaks rising to over 4000 metres (13,124 feet), offer the most magnificent glacier walks and climbs in the whole of the Alps. There are a number of excellently run climbing schools in Switzerland, providing instruction both for beginners and for those who want to learn specialised techniques. In most schools it is also possible to obtain guides.

Source : Baedeker's Switzerland

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