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### Hello everyone,

By the time you receive this issue we in our competitions. will either already have held the AGM With the winter months coming, that people love to read that things or are about to have it!!!

This month I must make mention of all the wonderful pictures we received for the Easter competition ... you children all did a terrific job, and put a lot of effort into your drawings ... congratulations, and keep it up. 1 to select the winners!!! It was great come along parents and encourage energy to organise various functions, your children to take part. It gives and your attendance is important to

# **President's Report**

when we have so many participants

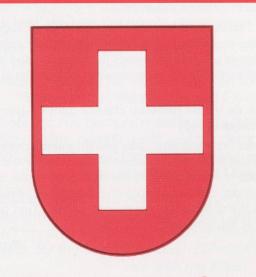
all the Swiss Clubs have many different functions organised for their members to take part in. All of your Will let you know what happened at committees would love to see more people attending these functions and events, so please do support them ... your committees take great pleasure in having 'full houses' for know that Silvia had a very tough job these functions, and it certainly makes holding them so much more to see your creative abilities, and all memorable. Club committees do the pictures were so different. So, put in a terrific amount of time and

your editing team great pleasure them. Your editing team loves to print wonderful stories about these events in the Helvetia, and I am sure 'are happening' in their clubs.

the AGM in next month's issue.

Regards Marianne

The Embassy of Switzerland in Wellington now has a PO Box number which is: PO Box 25004



## The answer to the **Swiss Flag is:**

The Swiss Flag as it looks today was introduced officially on December 12, 1889. The use of white crosses is much older though. The sign of the cross on red ground was first (since the 13th century) just periodically used along with the State or Cantonal flags (the Swiss Cantons being autonomous but joined together in the Swiss Confederation).

There are different theories about the origins of the cross, the most obvious one being that it is symbolically related to Christianity. The Cross represents the cross, Jesus was put on, the red colour represents his blood.

The red colour is an analogy to the red colour of blood.

The Swiss flag is square and each arm of the cross has to be of the same size and must be 1/6 longer than wide.

## **Swiss Society Annual General Meeting**

The Swiss Society invites all members and friends to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on June 6, 2004 at 2pm at the Auckland Clubhouse, Rapson Ave, Kaukapakapa.

### AGENDA

- Welcome by the President 1.
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Appointment of Scrutineers
- Minutes of the previous AGM (held on June 4. 1, 2003) and the matters arising (minutes printed in May Helvetia)
- 5. Obituaries
- 6. President's Report and matters arising
- 7. Editor's Report and matters arising
- 8. Address by the Patron of the Society, Mrs Sylvie Matteucci
- 9. Financial Report and matters arising
- 10. Delegate for Swiss Abroad's Report and matters arising
- Riflemaster's Report and matters arising 11.
- Setting of Subscriptions 2004/2005 12.
- Election of Officers (President, Vice 13. President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Riflemaster)
- Election of Committee 14.
- General Business including club reports 15.
- Set date and venue for Society AGM 2005 16.
- Meeting closure 17.