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TARANAKI

Past Events:

Swiss Society competitions

Our Swiss Society competitions were held on 18th May with competitors able to participate in Keglen (9-pin bowling), Shooting, Shot put and Jassen. The juniors were in a separate section, but unfortunately we didn't have many participants ... but the children that did come enjoyed themselves!!! It was great to see Margaret Maechler from New Plymouth and Fred and Noeline Neuburger from Palmerston North (now, that's true dedication!!!) after a few years' absence, and we hope to see you again next year. We enjoyed the company of some new members in Peter, Bryce and Josef Kaiser and we hope that you enjoyed the competitions and we look forward to seeing you again next year. Once again, we had a draw for the people who played in at least three of the four sporting codes, and this was won by Helen Werder ... congratulations, Helen ... it was great to see a junior winning!!! The winner in the Keglen was Zeno von Hospenthal with Franz Schuler, Martin Hess, Lisette Benkert (the only woman amongst these men ... well done!!!) and Josef Kaiser closely behind. Helen Werder won the juniors with a very good score. In the Shot put, Martin Hess was the winner with Adrian Drummond a close second. The conqueror in the ladies section was Heidi Werder, with her daughter Helen winning the juniors ... well done, you strong Werder ladies!!! In the shooting, the men's winner was Ruedi Benkert, followed closely by Robert Buhler, Mark Kiser and Joseph Kaiser. The highest score in the ladies went to Lisette Benkert ... were you the only competitor? No, just kidding ... well done, mum. In the juniors' section Helen Werder was the winner with Zeno Hess (a first time shooter) the runner-up. Well done, Zeno ... we'll be

looking for more great results in the future. And Helen ... the juniors will probably be very happy when you're old enough to be in the adult section!!! Well done, Helen, on winning a "triple medal" ... that's a great effort!!! And then winning the prize draw too ... that was the icing on the cake, eh?!!! The jassen was keenly contested with Marianne Drummond taking the honours, followed by Lisette Benkert, Heidi Seifert and Joe Sidler ... this was, once again, a woman dominated effort!!! Congratulations Joe for trying to keep the men's effort up ... but the others didn't meet your standard!!! This is always a terrific day, with lots of socialising ... just a shame that the event wasn't supported as well as expected ... but let's hope that next year will be different!!!

Preiskeglen followed by the Fondue / Sausages and Salad meal

This double-banger was held on 24th May with the Preiskeglen held from 1.00pm under the watchful eye of Johnny ... because there was a 'cervelat' at stake!!! In this event three people played against each other, with the winner taking home a cervelat ... if it wasn't devoured beforehand!!! These games were keenly contested ... with some people winning cheap sausages, while others would have been better off purchasing them!!! It was a great afternoon ... many thanks to Johnny and Mark for keeping track of the scores and working out the prizes. The top score from two shots was Ruedi Benkert with Robert Buhler second. The booby was shared by an exclusive bunch ... Yvonne Arnold, Agnes Buhler and Rick Wolfe, who were all grateful recipients of a couple of chocolate fish!!! I guess that's small consolation against the cervelats!!! Many thanks to all who participated, and Johnny looks forward to seeing you again next year. Johnny also handed out the Keglen trophies for the year, with Mathias Seifert winning the men's section with 225 points, followed closely by Mark Kiser on 222

points and Franz Schuler third with 217 points. The highest score on any given night went to Mark Kiser with 54 points ... well done, Mark. The ladies section was keenly contested with Heidi Werder (178 points) squeezing out Lisette Benkert (176 points) and Marlies Hebler (172 points). The highest score on any given night went to Heidi Werder, with 54 points too ... shows that you ladies are just as good as the men!!! Well done to all the competitors, and congratulations to the trophy winners.



Kathleen, Paul and the Kaisers all smiles after a lovely meal

From 6.00pm the fondue / sausages and salads were served. Well, we were overwhelmed with the turnout ... well over 100 adults plus approximately 25 to 30 children ... it was great to see so many people, and the committee appreciates you all turning up ... it certainly makes holding such an event worth all the effort!!! From grating the cheese, to cutting up the bread, from making salads to mixing the ingredients to make a delicious fondue!!! Many thanks to all the helpers who ensured that everyone



The chief cooks Erna and Leo... still smiling after feeding a great crowd



had sufficient to eat and that attendees enjoyed their meals!!! As Johnny had been on "Keglen" duty all day, we let him off the cooking duties ... and deservingly so!!! Leo, Erna and Lisette made the fondues; Christine and Emmi heated the sausages and looked after the salads; Walter, Remigi, Doreen and Heidi were the waiters / waitresses ... and my, did they look dashing!!! Unfortunately Remigi didn't wear his apron this year!!! Markus, Mark and Zeno did a great job cleaning dishes (and there were



Our two dancers, Lucy and Richard

ing as if they were years older ... a bit worrying really!!!) and the young at heart. All in all we had a terrific evening and the committee thanks you very much for your valuable support.

Queen's Birthday Weekend – Swiss Society Annual General Meeting and finals of the Cowbell Competition.

On May 31st, 27 adults and 2 children ventured to the 'Big Smoke' on our annual trip to the Swiss Society AGM, which was being hosted by the Auckland Swiss Club. We had several pick-ups throughout Taranaki, had lunch at Otorohanga, and then picked up our final two members; Peter and Monika Canziani, in Pirongia ... great of you to make the effort and join us ... truly dedicated Taranaki Swiss Club members and supporters!!! We headed for our accommodation, where we had a little time up our sleeves, before going to the Saturday evening function at Holland House (on the way we managed to find a lotto outlet, and invested a few dollars). We were awaited by a smiling contingent from the Auckland Swiss Club, amongst sounds of lovely Swiss music, a delicious smell wafting from the kitchen and a bar ready for patrons!!! We all enjoyed a lovely evening with a delicious meal, chatting with friends and making new acquaintances. Zeno and Mark decided to see if they could win a fortune at the casino, but ... well ... it doesn't appear so

... but they could just be deceiving us!!! The next morning we left bright and early to ensure that we would be at the farm at Kaupakapaka in time to compete in the final of the Cowbell Competitions ... we had already won the shooting, and the remaining disciplines were shot put, keglen and jassen. The keglen soon got underway, with the jassen not far behind. There were four jassers from each club ... our team was made up of four ladies, while the Aucklanders were a male dominant team ... now, although the scores were even, the Aucklanders won on a points difference ... ladies, our men might well say,



The jassers... the Taranaki lot still smiling after their narrow loss

it's their turn next time!!! Hard luck, ladies, and congratulations to the Aucklanders on their win. The keglen results weren't looking too good for us ... until Peter Canziani had a great score ... well done, Peter, for trying to keep our hopes alive ... however the top four scores from each team are totalled ... and we were never going to be good enough!!! Now men, next year the ladies might say "guys, it's our turn"!!! The games score was now 2 – 1 to Auckland, with the shot put remaining. Firstly I must thank our "non-shot putters" for making up the numbers, as without Mark and Remigi we would not have been able to field a team in this discipline, and they tried their very best and had excellent throws. However, unfortunately the Aucklanders managed to out-muscle us this year ... but we'll be back ... with a vengeance next time!!! Grateful thanks to all our members for taking part, and also



Part of the team of wonderful helpers, with Berta cleaning the bottom of the pot!!

certainly plenty of them, eh guys?!!!) with the help from the cooks and waiters when they were not busy ... all in all it was a great team effort, and the entire committee must be thanked for their tremendous contribution ensuring that the evening went so smoothly ... even if our President Othmar and his wife Marlies weren't here ... fancy being in China on the fondue evening ... I'm sure that the Chinese didn't cook you up a brew like this one!!! You'll have to make up for it next year!!! By 8.00pm everyone had had their fondue, and the kitchen was again spik and span ... what a huge effort!!! The children had a small game running with a potato on a spoon with all the children receiving small prizes, then the raffle was sold ... well the sellers did an awesome job ... they sold about 500 tickets in no time, with lucky people receiving prizes ... while others had made a donation to the Club ... we thank you all very much for your support ... the raffles do help the Club to stay financial. Thank you to Zeno and Maria for providing music which entertained the young (didn't Richard and Lucy look great? ... danc-



to the supporters who cheered them on, for without your participation there wouldn't be a competition. Hearty congratulations to the Auckland Swiss Club for winning the Cowbell Competition this year, a win which is thoroughly deserved. The Auckland win is a fitting tribute to the late Arthur Muller, who recently passed away, and who many years ago donated the Cowbell to ensure that Swiss Clubs in New Zealand got together regularly to foster traditional "Swiss sports" by competing for the coveted trophy. It is because of the Cowbell (and also the Swiss Society AGM) that Swiss compatriots from around New Zealand get together each Queen's Birthday Weekend to enjoy each other's company, and thus Swiss culture is also promoted and encouraged.

We all then enjoyed a delicious soup, barbecued cervelats and bratwurst (the best around!!) with superb bread, and a variety of scrumptious sweets and coffee. There followed the AGM of the Swiss Society, ably presided over by Roland. All clubs congratulated Heidi, Trudi and Roland from the Wellington Swiss Club for their great contribution to the Swiss Society, and for their tremendous work in compiling and printing the interesting Helvetia. Dr Beat Nobs, the Ambassador of Switzerland and Patron of our Society, gave a very interesting and informative speech on "Swiss" matters affecting our members. Beat, your speech was very well received, and we thank you for pursuing and being committed to issues which concern our members. All clubs were encouraged to look for people who would be interested in attending the Swiss Abroad Congress, held in Switzerland annually at the beginning of September, and come back with names to the next AGM. All presidents or their delegates spoke on how their clubs' activities were going and what was happening, and this was the conclusion to another good meeting. A quick afternoon tea was had, before the bus was boarded and we were on our way back to our motel ... minus

one thing ... the COWBELL!!! Well, we are always told to travel lightly!!!

Everyone got changed, and we ventured up One Tree Hill to the Sorrento, which is a lovely venue for such an occasion. We all enjoyed a superb meal, great company, wonderful entertainment, and indulged in many tombola tickets. There were many great prizes, and we hear that Josie is on her way back to Auckland shortly to indulge in her prize ... accommodation and breakfast for two ... which one of us will she take???? Wouldn't we be so lucky????!! Enjoy it Josie, and we look forward to hearing all about it!!! We were provided with wonderful entertainment ... Oliver Hess played the drums superbly ... the Auckland Swiss Club Ladies Choir sang many songs we knew beautifully ... then the Auckland Yodellers impressed us with their many talents (we do always enjoy listening to you) ... while our own Peter and Zeno displayed great skills on their accordions ... we were thoroughly spoiled ... many thanks to all the wonderful entertainers for giving up their time for us all!!! Best wishes to the Auckland Yodellers for the upcoming National Yodel Festival in Switzerland. All too soon the evening was over, and we were on our way home ... it was a wonderful night!!!

Everyone seemed a bit quieter on the bus home ... especially Johnny who we hardly heard a word from until Mokau!!! Was it because we lost the Cowbell? Was it the red wine? Or was he just tired? We'll never know ... but we can make all sorts of assumptions!!! Eh Johnny????!! After a short stop at Pokeno at the Bacon shop, a LONG stop at Mercer at the Dutch Cheese Shop, we had lunch at Otorohanga. From there we travelled to Mokau where we enjoyed some liquid refreshments (no wine for Johnny this time!) with Dutch cheese and chips ... a great stop before starting to drop people off. Thank you all for coming along and enjoying the trip, and we look forward to your sup-

port again next time. I'll be given the sack for not coming home with the BIG cowbell ... but it's made to go around!!!

Now, a BIG HUGE thank you to Marcel Ruedi, President of the Auckland Swiss Club, and his loyal band of helpers ... you all did a superb job hosting the weekend, and ensuring everyone was kept content and happy ... whether it was the organising beforehand, the delicious meals, the bar staff, organising the Cowbell competition, the beautiful table decorations, the friendly hospitality, the taxi service, the memorable conversations, the great entertainment ... and the list goes on ... it was ALL WONDERFUL!!! I hope I haven't missed anyone, but thank you all very, very much for being great hosts ... the Taranaki contingent all had a wonderful time, and look forward to descending on Hamilton next year!!!

Future Events:

July 6 - Our annual Anniversary Shoot will be held with competitors wishing to shoot or skittle needing to be there between 11.00am and 3.00pm. All participants will receive a prize, so please do come along and take part. It's great fun!!! From 5.30pm the Sauerkraut and Pork meal will be served ... with the terrific numbers coming along in the past few years ... best you be in early to avoid disappointment!!! No, just kidding!!! There is always ample food, but it is nice if everyone is there on time. Mark and his sub-committee look forward to seeing you there.

July 13 & 20 - Jassen / Euchre will be held at the Club House, starting at 1.15pm. Do come along and support Erna and Heidi, who do a terrific job organising these sessions. Afternoon tea is always great, even if the cards haven't been!!!

August 1 - With the 1st of August being on a Friday, we decided



that we would hold the Swiss National Day celebrations on the 1st!!! As this is a catered function, tickets will be sold ... if a Swiss Club member hasn't already contacted you, please don't be shy ... ring a committee member who will steer you in the right direction. The cost is only \$15.00 ... which includes supper and wonderful entertainment ... come and see "Swiss culture" here in Kaponga!!!

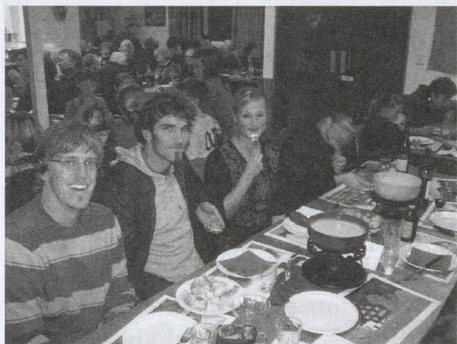
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WELLINGTON

Past events:

24 May - Fondue

A yummy fondue was served at the clubhouse in Wainuiomata, together with a crunchy salad and a delicious vanilla custard dessert.



All ready to start on the delicious fondue

With over 100 participants this was the busiest Fondue the club had so far. There was also a raffle with two food baskets and a wooden bowls set to be won. Generous participation in this contributed a long way towards a positive overall bill. We acknowledge that the participants were very generous. Some extra chairs and tables had to be brought in. We thank Peter Hynes for organising them. Also many thanks to Gabriela, Trudi and the committee members for servicing the kitchen, to Max Fuhrer for providing the grated Fondue cheese, and to Trix for the exquisite salad dressing.

Future Events:

13 & 20 July - Making Lampions.

For people who are interested please get in touch with Craig and Petra 563 8600 or send them an email to:

craigandpetra@xtra.co.nz

1 August - Bonfire on Petone Beach

behind Hikoikoi playground, near Kirkaldy Street/Marine Parade. Bring your lampions - and wear your warmest clothes! 1st August badges, hot dogs and coffee/orange juice will be available. If the weather is doubtful ring Isabelle 934 1549 / 021 030 5400 after 3pm.

2 August - Celebrate the Swiss National Day

at the club house in Wainuiomata on Saturday 2 August. There will be a typical Swiss menu and the speech of the federal president will be played.

AUCKLAND

Hi all,

As you can see I am back again from my one month holiday in Europe, which led me to Baselland and -stadt, the Alsace, a little bit of Greece (Athens and Delphi), Cyprus, the Greek and Turkish areas of Nikosia, the Buffer Zone, (still patrolled by the UN) and the northern part of the island with the stunning Mediterranean city of Keryneia. Then I spent a few days with friends in the stunningly beautiful rural Picardie in northern France biking, walking and playing cards a la francaise. Then back to Basel by TGV. Did you know that Basel is now directly connected to Paris by TGV? My last stop was London and rural England with my children who live there.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Globe theatre, the Tudor part at the National Portrait Gallery, the Cotswolds, Winchester,

Bath, Chepstowe Castle in Wales, Warwick Castle and the stately home of Chatsworth (Mr. Darcy's mansion in Cheshire), the prehistoric Longbarrow gravesite, Silberhill and the Horse at Uffington - all of this and more was experienced at a leisurely pace and with expert and lovely company. What a dream!

New Members -

We welcome two new families to the Auckland Swiss Club and hope to meet them soon:

Ron and Andrea Stoehr, Tyler (12) and Keeley (7).

Martin and Alison Sowter, Daniela (9) and Antonia (7).

Future Events:

Fri 4 July at 7.00pm - Cheese Fondue followed by Film Evening at Danish House, 6 Rockridge Ave, Penrose. "Erleuchtung Garantiert", an entertaining film in German with English subtitles. Cost: \$25 for members \$30 for non-members.

Fri 11 July at 7.30pm - Jass evening at Holland House, 123 Rockfield Road, Ellerslie. Ph. 525 1649. \$4.00 per person. If you wish to play other games, form a group and bring the game. There is plenty of room and fun to be had.

Sat 26 July from 5.00 pm - Stammtisch at the Farm. B.Y.O. Anyone welcome.

Fri 1st August from 6.00pm - National Day at the Swiss Farm. B.Y.O Dinner and BBQ or just come and watch the Bonfire and have a few drinks and celebrate our National Day on the 1st August.

Sat 2 August - The formal celebration-National Day in Town: At Holland House, 123 Rockfield Road, Ellerslie. Doors open at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm Costs: Members \$35, Non-members \$40. Children: under 5 free, 5-16 \$1 per year of age. Children: please bring your lampions.



Fri 8 August at 7.30pm - Jass and Games Evening at Holland House, 123 Rockfield Road, Ellerslie. Ph. 525 1649. B.Y.O. games.

Past events:

The **Society AGM** was held in Auckland this year. The first guests arrived from Taranaki and Wellington on Saturday evening at the Holland House where our kitchen crew prepared a lovely "Gerstensuppe" followed with gulasch, noodles and veggies and (to the President's delight) Chocolate mousse for dessert.

After dinner there was a lot of catching up to do with our Taranaki and Wellington friends. Thank you Peter Canziani and Zeno Von Hospenthal for entertaining us after dinner.

Next morning we all met at the Farm at 10.00am to compete against Taranaki for **THE COWBELL**. After some interesting Bowling on our well maintained Kegelbahn-he he- some strong Steinstossen and some great Jassen Auckland managed to clinch the Cowbell from a strong Taranaki team. Thanks to all participants for their great sportsmanship.

This was followed by lunch, soup, Bratwurst and bread from the Swiss Bakery.

After lunch The Swiss Society AGM was held at the Farm and then it was a quick trip back to the City for the Evening Function.

At the Sorrento with the High Society

The Swiss Society AGM weekend concluded with an enjoyable celebration on Sunday evening, at the Sorrento in Cornwall Park. Not only was it a most pleasant venue, but they also offered us a fabulous buffet dinner. Even vegetarians like me got a great choice of delicacies. The balance between formal entertainment and a chance to mix and mingle with friends from Down South was just right.



Ambassador Dr. Beat Nobs presents the cowbell to the president of the Auckland Swiss Club Marcel Rüedi

Our Patron, the Swiss Ambassador, Dr. Beat Nobs, opened the formal part of the evening and presented the Cow Bell to the hosts,



Oliver Hess on his drums

the Auckland Swiss Club. Didn't we do well! Young Oliver Hess then impressed us all with his drum solo. I was amazed to hear that he had composed most of it himself. Thank you, Oliver, we look forward to hearing more from you! The women singers presented a medley of popular Swiss songs from different areas. We had great



Women singers entertained us all beautifully at the Sorrento wit their potpourri

fun doing it, and received many positive comments. Our Auckland Yodlers once more entertained us

A STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER

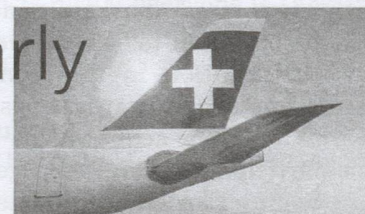


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beautifully, not only with their yodelling, but also with tunes on the Alphorn, with a hilarious 'Besentanz', a dance with a broom, and with the traditional Swiss accordion, the 'Schwiizerörgeli'. By the time you read this, the Yodlers will have competed at the Swiss Yodelling Festival in Lucerne – they will be the best!

For the rest of the evening, we were delighted to have live accordion music, offered so generously and professionally by Peter Canziani and Zeno Von Hospenthal. Thank you very much.

We would also extend our appreciation to everyone else who contributed to this evening and the weekend, including those who have donated the very popular tombola prizes. It all helped to make the event so successful. Thank you!

Nelly, for the Auckland Swiss Club

Jass Results 13 June:

1st	Paul Steinemann	4109
2nd	Heidi Wilson	4101
3rd	Hans Iten	4023
4th	Nelly Steinemann	4014
5th	Annagret Wolf	3954
6th	Verena Ruedi	3949
7th	Louis Wallimann	3885
8th	Edith Hess	3862
9th	Jakob Preisig	3798
10th	Hansruedi Wolf	3618
11th	Marcel Ruedi	3580
12th	Fidel Good	3500
13th	Molly Gianotti	3485
14th	Hilda Iten	3414
15th	Elisabeth Preisig	3228

Heidi Wilson, Secretary

HAMILTON

Past Events...

Card Evenings

The onset of colder weather once again heralded in the beginning of our Club's annual card evenings. Sadly, the trend of reduced numbers is continuing, but 34 card players did still come along to Matamata, where this year's first evening was held on 2nd May. The

evening commenced with 26 participants taking part in the Swiss Society Medal Jass competition, whilst those not competing had a chance to catch up with friends, or have a "practice Jass".

Two weeks later, on 16th May, 40 card players gathered at the Union Parish Church in Cambridge for the second card evening. Only two more people took part in the Medal Competition, but they were quickly finished and the Club competitions were soon underway.

The third of our six Card Evenings again took place at Matamata on 30th May, again with 34 players. With the medal Competition completed, play could commence immediately. The earlier finish was appreciated, particularly for those having to drive home in the fog.

As always, card players were treated to delicious suppers each time - all prepared by our committee ladies, along with the much appreciated baking from a number of helpers, and always very much enjoyed by our card players.

At the conclusion of each card evening, the lucky winners were also able to select from a range of 10 - 12 prizes.

Thank you also to those people who have donated the extra prizes we have received to add to the eight prizes we provide for each evening.

We look forward to seeing you at the remainder of our Card Evenings. *BL*

Prizewinners are as follows:

First Card Evening

1)	Heidi Santner	4235
2)	George Russenberger	4140
3)	Theresa Fitzi	4131
4)	Margarethe Poppe	4033
5)	Joe Staheli	4005
6)	David Fitzi	3997
7=)	Hanni Frischknecht	3961
	Hans Vetsch	3961
9)	Margreth Meier	3958
10)	Lina Rufer	3955
11)	Mary Flühler	3949

Booby Prize:
Ruedi Meier 3099

Second Card Evening

1)	Heinz Leuenberger	4228
2)	Ernst Rust	4159
3)	Lina Rufer	4148
4)	Wiletta Staheli	4134
5)	Pia Russenberger	4128
6)	Margarethe Poppe	4051
7)	George Russenberger	4050
8)	Hans Vetsch	3994
9)	Arthur Matti	3976
10)	Angus Forsythe	3968
11)	Joe Staheli	3964
12)	Bruno Rufer	3804

Booby Prize:
Max Schwitzer 3075

Third Card Evening

1)	George Russenberger	4208
2)	Margarethe Poppe	3967
3)	Theresa Fitzi	3964
4)	Hans Vetsch	3958
5)	Fritz Haesli	3952
6)	Heidi Leuenberger	3939
7)	Karl Waldvogel	3938
8)	Hanna Frischknecht	3908
9)	Helen Staheli	3907
10)	Karl Waldvogel	3896

Booby Prize:
Maria Haesli 3355

**300 meter shooting weekend
24/25 May 2008**

This year's event will go down as another very successful weekend. Participants arrived from many parts of Waikato and Bay of Plenty at Kaukapakapa for a timely start at 10am Saturday. The usual efficiency swang into action and we finished the Saturday program in record time. At 3 pm we started our evening function and it was late when the lights finally went out.

What better way to start Sunday than with a good breakfast: Bacon, Eggs, Roesti, Zopf coffee and may other essentials. With full bellies we tackled the Sunday program. All 19 shooters (might be a record number for us) finished for a late lunch and this despite the extended program we had to complete. And what a lunch this was: with finest Venison steaks and king country patties with 27 herbs and spices!! At least that's what we were told.



Thank you to the Auckland Club, Henry, Marcel and helpers, the Hamilton club for their support and to all the participants. The top ranking will not be as good as last year but the team efforts were great with Roebi Frischknecht taking out the Hamilton Plate.

Well done!

Hans Vetsch

The Swiss Society Annual General Meeting was held in Auckland on the 1st June and the Hamilton Club had 8 representatives that made it north of the Bombay Hill. Unfortunately we did not attend the Saturday evening function due to other commitments but we left Hamilton bright and early on Sunday and stopped for a cuppa in Mercer. We were greeted by beautiful sunshine when we arrived at the Auckland club house in Kaukapakapa. The competitions were coming to an end and we were just in time for lunch consisting of some lovely home-made soup, bread and grilled sausages. The meeting got underway with the usual formalities and again a very enlightening speech by the Ambassador, Dr Beat Nobs. Following the meeting we enjoyed some delicious baking and coffee. We then headed off to our motel in Greenlane to get ready for the evening function at Sorrento. There we enjoyed a very nice meal and some of us were even lucky to receive some prizes in the Tombola. We were also treated to some delightful entertainment by the Swiss Women's Choir as well as some beautiful items by the Swiss-Kiwi Yodel group, who were about to set off for their trip to Switzerland.

The following morning we drove to the top of One Tree Hill to enjoy the view and remind us what a lovely city Auckland is. We then went for a walk through Cornwall Park amongst the autumn colours before heading back to Hamilton.

Many thanks to the Auckland President and committee for hosting this event and we would like to invite you all to next year's function in Hamilton, again on Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Forthcoming Events:

Card Evenings: Sixth and Final Card Evening to be held in Cambridge on 11th July, 7.30pm.

Car pooling: If anyone would like to offer a lift or needs a lift, it makes sense to share transport, so please ring Beatrice (07) 843-7971 if you are in this situation. Please don't just stay home and think you would go if someone offered to take you!!

Swiss Film Evening will be held on Wednesday 23rd July, 7pm at the Victoria Cinema on Victoria St (near London St). The film will be in the Swiss dialect with English subtitles and is called "Die Herbstzeitlosen". The cost is \$20 and includes wine and coffee and cake after the movie. The theatre is limited to 56 persons and bookings with the club are essential on a first-in basis. You can pay on the evening but if you book please make sure you turn up for the function. This is a private sitting and not open to the public. You can ring either Ursula (07) 849-6496 or Anita (07) 856-2414.

1st August Celebrations will take place again on the actual day, being a Friday. We have booked the same venue, Waikato Stadium, as last year due to the very positive feedback. Please mark this date in your calendar and tell your friends about it. Bookings and pre-payment will be required. An invitation will be sent to all members shortly. For further details please ring Beatrice (07) 843-7971 or Anita (07) 856-2414.

Children's Lantern Parade will be held on 2nd August, commencing at 5.30pm at the Hamilton East Playcentre in Graham Street, followed by a shared dinner. For further information please ring Ursula Haefliger (07) 849-6496.

Family Walk will take place on Sunday 24th August, 11am in Cambridge. Further details in the next

Helvetia. This will be an easy walk for all ages. To be held wet or fine. *AZ*

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