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Auckland Swiss Club

SHOOTING SECTION

Once again the Swiss boys proved that there is still a strong feeling for the Swiss Army and National pride. A record number of over 40 competitors attended the Obligatorisch and Feld shooting on 16th-17th May and 13th-14th June at the 300m range at the Swiss Farm.

Once again we had the pleasure of having our friends from Hamilton as well as a few New Zealanders present. The weather was perfect for shooting and could have helped towards such high scores — only a few competitors missed out just by a few points on the card of merit.

Highest points were shot by our Riflemaster Hans Enzler, and the average scoring was the highest for many years. This occasion brought back lots of memories from home and the good old days in the Army.

Many thanks to all those who gave a helping hand to make these competitions most successful events. We look forward for another shooting date like this. —K.H.

Hamilton Swiss Club

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

In spite of the raging flu epidemic our "Ball of the Year" was attended by over 200 Swiss fans at the Riverlea Cabaret who came from each corner of the Waikato and from as far afield as Auckland and helped to make it a most enjoyable evening.

The president Mr J. Villiger warmly welcomed the guests and also presented the shooting trophy to Mr M. Pratt. Congratulations Merv!

The Swiss entertainment started with real "Ländlermusik" by H. Oettli, H. Odermatt and K. Schou and every true Swiss and some Kiwis were soon on the dance floor. The excellent art of flag throwing by E. Egger, the folksongs with the lovely yodelling by Violanta Villiger and the folk dance by the Trachtengruppe was appreciated by all. The eight-man Riverlea Orchestra made sure of keeping the keen dancers moving on the floor. A variety of excellent food was served for supper. At 1.30 a.m. the band

played its last tune and soon after everyone made their way home, enriched by a long-remembered, happy evening.

A big 'Thank You' goes to all who helped to make this evening such a success, especially to Henry Oettli, Hermann Odermatt and Joe Egger. —R.E.W.

Taranaki Swiss Social Club

During June three card evenings were held in St. Paul's Hall at Normanby. Prizewinners were.—

1st Evening: Ladies, Miss P. Chamberlain 1, Mrs P. Meyer 2, Mrs F. Meyer 3. Gents, Mr F. Gwerder 1, Mr V. Gwerder 2, Mr P. Zimmermann 3. Lucky Number: Mr A. J. Gwerder. Raffle: Mrs M. Seifert.

2nd Evening: Ladies, Mrs M. Seifert 1, Mrs P. Meyer 2, Mrs F. Meyer 3. Gents, Mr A. Gwerder 1, Mr L. Rowe 2, Mr F. Gwerder 3. Lucky Number: Mr D. Meyer. Raffle: Mr J. Sidler.

3rd Evening: Ladies, Mrs B. Stutz 1, Mrs F. Meier 2, Mrs P. Meyer 3. Gents, Mr B. Good 1, Mr A. Gwerder 2, Mr J. Sidler 3. Lucky Number: Mr M. Seifert. Raffle: Mr D. Meyer.

SWISS SOCIAL

A well-attended Social was held in the Kapuni Memorial Hall on July 3rd, again a very wet night. Dancing was very popular and a novelty dance was won by Mr and Mrs C. Kuriger. The raffle resulted: Mr B. Luond 1st, Mr L. Chamberlain 2nd.

During the evening Taranaki members of the Swiss Shooting Competition were presented with prizes by Mr T. Napflin, the Riflemaster. The following members received trophies.—

Kranzabzeichen: Miss G. Meier, E. Fluglistaller, A. Nolly, F. Hospenthal, L. Nolly, Z. Hospenthal, P. Napflin, Mrs R. Mathis, H. Mathis, H. Krummenacher.

Ehrenweldung: T. Napflin, E. Forester, T. Fluglistaller, D. Dorflinger, F. R. Suter, E. Chamberlain, B. Maechler, H. P. Rhyner.

Spoon: G. Bocock, J. A. Kaiser, L. Chamberlain, F. Suter.

—L.K.

WEDDING: Hiestand — LARKING

The marriage of Sandra Diane Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. M. Larking, Hampton Road, Okato, to Joseph John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Hiestand, Oeo Road, Awatuna,

took place at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Okato, on June 13th, 1970.

The bridesmaids were Jill Donald and Sharron Pepper, cousins of the bride, and Miriam Bradley. The best man was Michael Fevre and the groomsman Bruce Ingram.

The bride wore an Empire line, long-sleeved gown of gaberdine tetrone, featuring a lace-edged train falling from the Empire. Lace covered the bodice front and lower skirt, with matching motifs on sleeves and train. She carried a bouquet of white carnations.

The bridesmaids wore plum-red velvet, pinafore-style frocks, featuring white poodle-lace sleeves and close-up necklines. A cameo brooch at the throat completed the Victorian style and bouquets of white carnations were carried.

A large gathering of friends attended the reception in the Hempton Hall, Okato, and a dance followed in the evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Wellington Swiss Club

Members of our Club and their friends gathered in the Lecture Hall of the Dominion Museum to watch films about Switzerland. They got a good impression about what tourists can see and do there and they enjoyed to see that there was a time when roads were not as crowded as today (how many years ago was that?).

Many thanks to the Embassy for providing these films. —M.K.

Christchurch Swiss Club

FONDUE EVENING

On 20th June the Club held a Fondue Evening at its private restaurant (?) at the home of Mr and Mrs A. Moser. When I arrived Mrs Moser was very busy in the kitchen cooking the cheese fondue which smelt delicious. Passing through the kitchen I came to a room decorated with Swiss flags, bottles (!) and candles. The tables had gaily coloured cloths, red and white checked curtains hung at the windows and there was a roaring fire in the grate. Just the right setting!

About 25 people attended this gathering and a couple had even come up from Dunedin. We were soon all sitting filling out tums and drinking white wine. With the exception of one small incident when a fondue pot gave way under the heat, the evening was a real success.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr and Mrs Moser for their untiring work. —J.F.